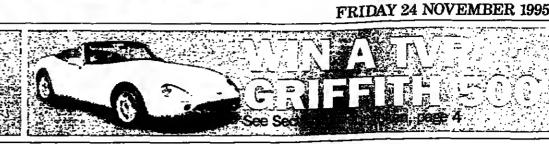


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Why the Church will lose from the divorce vote



New pressure for public inquiry 1,000 clues to

the Wests' other victims

WILL BENNETT and COLIN BROWN

Detectives in the Cromwell Street murder inquiry are fol-lowing several new leads after their appeal for information on nine missing women known to have visited Frederick and Rosemary Wests' home.

But police yesterday stressed that there was no evidence that the women had come to any harm and said that they had no plans to start fresh searches for human remains. Police still have more than 1,000 incomplete lines of inquiry to check and a decision is to be made about which to follow up.

As controversy grew over the alleged failure by Gloucestershire police, health and social services departments to spot warning signs of abuse and murder in Cromwell Street, government ministers sought to avoid becoming embroiled in the row.

Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, last night resisted pressure from his own backbenchers for a public inquiry. Ministers are adamant that the system bas been improved since the Maria Colwell inquiry in 1974, and that it ensured that police inform social services departments of

child abuse suspects. backbencher Emm Nicholson argued yesterday that Government claims that chilren had adequate protection were not true. " Today's children are not protected. I am in utter despair at the exposure of professional incompetence and of the madequacy of systems. I am appalled by the failure of the the position of the Press Comservices to look after those children. All they are saying is that it is all too difficult and it was a long time ago. It is absolutely desperate. I feel so

strongly I can't bear it."
Miss Nicholson demanded the resignation of "those in authority" in the case and called

for a Royal Commission "to ficial said last night that there look at the whole way we protect vulnerable children"

A second strand of criticism emerged with calls for oew laws to prevent tabloid newspapers buying up potential witnesses in major criminal cases. At least seven witnesses at the Winchester trail of Rosemary West spoke of media deals of up to £100,000, Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney General, who will



Emma Nicholson: demand for Royal Commission

conduct a review of the law on payments to witnesses with the Lord Chancelior and the Home Office, said the payments were like a form of Russian roulette ceedings out of the water.

"Are we running a criminal justice system as an entertainment business, or something the public has confidence in and which will deliver justice?" said Sir Nicholas. There was confusion over

plaints Commission following claims that Lord McGregor, its former chairman, had told a tabloid editor that he would not be in breach of the code of conduct for newspapers by paying a witness for a story because the rules were so ambiguous. A leading social services of-

could not be another case like the West catalogue of murder and abuse. "No one with any sense can give an absolute guarantce that it couldn't happen again," said John Ransford, honorary secretary of the Association of Directors of Social Services. "But we can, with a degree of certainty ... it is ex-tremely unlikely that a situation like that would build up and the

tem was much improved, there remained considerable difficulties about helping runaways
- such as those who fell victim to the Wests. "As youngsters of 16, 17 and 18 come up to adulthood they have rights as citizens to control their lives to a growing extent, and to disppear if they want to. And if they want to disppear, it is a relatively easy thing to do," he said.

Gloucester, repeated his call for a public inquiry and condemned the official report into social services departments involved in the West case by the Bridge consultancy as "woefully inade-quate". He said: "What they have done is to look at hundreds of documents but they have not spoken to people at all."

Detective Superintendent

Club of the damned,

signs not be picked up."
But while the child abuse sys-

Douglas French, Tory MP for

der investigation, said the police had received 24 phone calls from the public since Rosemary West's conviction on 10 marder charges. Half of these provided information about some of the nine missing womeo who all visited Cromwell Street at some time during the last twenty years. One of the calls related to Marilyn, a woman who lived in Gloucester in the early 1970s.

The remaining 12 callers had given police "positive lines of inquiry that they can follow". said Det Supt Bennett.

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Former Barings trader Nick Leeson is led away by officers from Singapore's Commercial Affairs Department after his extradition from Frankfurt. He faces 11 fraud and forgery charges. Report, page 10 Photograph: Simon Thon

# Power takeover binge stemmed

and PETER RODGERS

The Government yesterday called a halt to a £14bn takeover binge in the electricity industry by referring two of the higgest hids to the Monopolies and Mcrgers Commission.

lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, surprised the City by refusing to approve a £2.8bn bid by National Power, a privatised electricity generator, for Southern Electric, a local distribution company. He also referred a £1.95bn hid by PowerGen, another generator, for Midlands Electricity.

dustry that by stopping the hids Mr Lang could be opening the door to takeovers of Southern and Midlands by foreign firms that are known to be on the prowl for UK utilities.

However, this is the first time Mr Lang has acceded to widespread political, consumer and trade union demands for electricity hids to he scrutinised by the monopolies commission. The inquiries will take several months.

He has been accused by Labour of allowing the entire structure of the industry agreed at privatisation in 1990 to be

proper scrutiny.

Mr Lang and his predecessor, Michael Heseltioe, have already cleared live other bids for privatised regional electricity companies, four of which have

gone through. But Mr Lang said he was referring the latest two bids because he was concerned about vertical integration between geocrators and distributors.

The National Consumer Council welcomed the referrals. saying domestic consumers in a captive market needed to he protected. "We are worried about the potential for abuse of

lowed to go ahead and we want to be sure safeguards are put in place to protect the interests of consumers."

Unions expressed guarded relief but warned that Midlands and Southern must oot be allowed to become vulnerable to takeovers by foreign com-

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## New spy chief is named for MI5

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

An anti-terrorist expert and career civil servant is to head MI5 as the Security Service prepares to move into tradi-

nonal policing for the first time.

The appointment of David Lander - the "in house" choice - is seen as an endorsement of the Security Service's recent policy of expanding its role into

fighting organised crime and drug trafficking.

Mr Lander, 48, who is considered a "moderate and a professional", will take over the £90,000-a-year joh as directoreneral of M15 from Stella

Rimington next Easter. He joined the service in 1975 and spent two years at MI6 be-fore heading MI5's anti-ter-rorist squad and later becoming a director of corporate affairs. His selection comes at a cru-

cial moment of change for the Security Service, with its 2,000 staff and £150m budget. The Government is to hring in leg-islation to expand its role. It is currently restricted to protecting national security and the country's economic well-being.

Mr Lander is known to have been a keen supporter of the service's drive to work against organised crime. He will have to cope with increasing pressures to make MI5 more open and accountable. Last night, he said in a statement: "I am very pleased to have been invited to take the service forward at this time, huilding on the achievements under my predecessors."

Mr Lander, married with two children, was educated at Queen's College, Cambridge, and went on to take a PhD in 1975, he has been responsible for monitoring Soviet spying activity in Britain and domestic subversion.

Downing Street also yesterday announced the appointment of another civil servant, David Omand, 48, to the job of heading the intelligence centre at Government Communication Full report, page 24 | Headquarters in Cheltenham.

# Howard vetoes European racism laws

SARAH HELM

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, yesterday vetoed far-reaching proposals aimed at halting the rising tide of racist violence in Europe. In a hot-tempered meeting in

Brussels, Mr Howard accused other European Union memhers of "lecturing" Britain over the need for greater controls to ban racist demoostrations and racist literature. The Home Secretary's lone stand was enough to block the resolution, drawn up over several months

IN BRIEF Karadzic risks trial Bosnian Serb leader Radovan

within the Council of Ministers. detailing measures to counter racism and xenophobia.

Britain argued that Europe had no right to insist on uniform controls, saying the measure could mean major legislative change, and the Home Office needed more time to consider the resolution. Mr Howard stands accused by Labour of playing the "race card" at home by pushing through new restrictions on political asylum in the run-up to the oext election.

In Brussels, the Home Secretary was charged by his partners with blocking a vital initiative which many states believe would have helped improve race relations. Countries like Germany, the Netherlands and France, where racist violence by right-wing groups has been on the increase, argued strongly in

favour of the measure. The resolution, drafted by the highly secretive K4 committee of senior officials from all member states, is the result of a lengthy study into racist violence and zenophobia. The proposal was put forward to balance new measures agreed yesterday imposing tighter EU controls on refugees and immigrants. a view to harmonisation.

The study concluded that member states must co-operate and harmonise efforts to combat racist violence if the problem was to be eradicated. The recommendations included:

Harmonising laws in each member state on the confiscation of racist or inflammatory publications, videos, films and television programmes.

New Europe-wide intelligence centres to monitor the activities of extremists and the spread of racist materials.

An examination of penalties in different member states, with

tion" which would be binding on member states. The text, which Mr Howard blocked, stated that international co-operation in this area was essential to prevent extremists in one country moving their activities to a oeighbouring state where controls were less stringent.

British officials stressed last night that Britain was not against the principle of the proposals, and it is understood that Mr Howard might have accepted the resolution if it had not been legally binding.



Michael Howard: Lone stand

# Slick gambit puts chess king in check

Karadzie faces a war-crimes tri-**WILLIAM HARTSTON** 

al after allegedly yielding to the Daytoo peace deal. Page 14 Soames says sorry Nicholas Soames has apologised to the Prime Minister for accusing the Princess of

Wales of "paranoia". Page 4 Right-wing attack fails

A right-wing bid to snatch the chairmanship of the Tory 1922 committee has failed. Page 7

Today's weather Dry and mild across much of England with sunny periods. Scotland will be dull with rainy

spells. Section Two, page 33

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Chess Correspondent The world of chess was thrown into fresh turmoil after a clever was restored

gambit toppled the autocratic leader of the game's international federation. Florencio Campomanes fi-

nally met his match after 17 years as president of Fide, during which time his leadership style had astonished and often infuriated chess followers around the world, from world champions down to the hum-

But be found himself in an unwinnable position when more

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than 60 delegates at a meeting third move was the one that left hogged down, however, Mr even his considerable political of the Fide General Assembly in France signed a statement threatening to leave Fide forth-with, unless "full democracy"

little alternative but to resign his

The final moves began with an allegation of electoral irregularities in Moscow last December that led to Mr Campo-manes's fifth presidential term. The second move was a report on Fide finances suggesting that presideotial spending had captured rather too high a pro-portion of their coffers. But the

him with no escape.

Since 1993, when Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short left Fide to play a world title match under the auspices of their The president was left with newly formed Professional Chess Association (PCA), there has been a deep schism within the chess world, with each organisation running its own world championships". The main plank of Mr Cam-

pomanes's re-election platform

unifying match for the title

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Campomanes came under in-He had found no sponsor for a Fide title match between

Anatoly Karpov and Gata Kamsky, and he had reached no agreement with the PCA oo the conditions for a unifying The Fide championship seemed stalemated by his mac-

was a deal with Kasparov that Kamsky, of selling out to the promised rapprochement and a enemy. For once Mr Campomanes, who has a degree in political sci-ence from Harvard, found that As ocgotiations became

tion and led to his being open-

lyaccused, by both Karpov and

skills were not enough to save

He resigned shortly after the Central Committee of Fide had passed a motion of no confidence in him "and his team" a king finally pushed from power by his own infuriated

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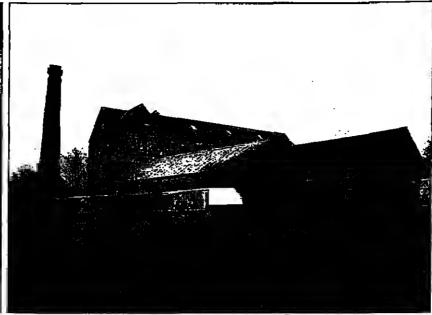
THE SERIOUS BEER WITH THE SILLY NAME.

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## CROMWELL STREET MURDERS

Search for victims: Allegations that Wests were part of a cult and of more murders in Scotland







Sites in question: Nawspaper reports have claimed bodies are buried at other sites (from left): A car park at Castle meads, in Gloucester, a mill at Berkeley, Gloucester, and a site at Kinning Park in Glasg Police have no plans to excavate bodies

WILL BENNETT and

Gloucestershire police are adamant that they have no plans to excavate for further bodies in the West investigation despite some newspaper stories yesterday giving details of sites where the Wests are alleged to have buried other victims.

Douglas French, Conserva-

called for digging to be re-sumed. But Tony Butler, Chief Constable of Gloucester, said: "At present the inquiry has no substantive evidence that will support any inference that there are further victims of Fred and Rosemary West. There is certainly no evidence on which we would take further action to search in any location in Gloucestershire for the recovery of any human remains."

John Bennett, who headed the inquiry, said the police had investigated the possibility that other people had been involved with the Wests in the murders. One newspaper yesterday claimed that Frederick West said that they were part of a group called The Cult.

He said there was no evidence of any outside involvement in the killings and said that

Detective Superintendent if there had been those concerned would have been arrested and charged.

Police in Glasgow said they were ready to investigate claims that Frederick West may have hutchered up to four women in the city. West moved to Glasgow in the summer of 1963 with his Scots-born wife Rena. The couple lived in two flats in the Bridgeton and Kinning Park areas of the city. Those who knew

West at the time have raised suspicions that he may have killed

Concern centres on an allotment West rented in Kinning Park near the river Clyde. One local man, John McLachlan, who lived next to the Wests in their flat in McLellan Street and had an allotment in the same area, told the Independent yesterday that West spent many hours in a hut on the allotment

working alone late into the

Mr McLachlan, 57, said: "He was there at all hours up to two or three in the morning. Some people thought he may have been using the hut to meet girlfriends. But most of the time he was alone. No one knows what he was up to but he sure as hell

the allotment. "Fred left certain parts of the ground uncultivated. I remember asking him from time to time: 'Why don't you grow something there?' He would say: 'Oh, I'm saving that for special purposes." didn't think much of that at the

driver, recalled several conver- terday that around 20 women roads had been built on the plot.

reports on the case, and the Home Secretary to discuss

changing the law - either by ex-

tending contempt rules or by creating a new offence under criminal law.

Meanwhile lawyers for Rose-

mary West will be scrutinising

the evidence of all of the wit-

nesses who have been paid by

the media for their stories, to

see if their evidence could have

Mr Mansfield said: "I think

this is a worrying issue that

been embellished because of the

time but, recalling it all now, it

from the Glasgow had been missing since the 60s. Although there was no direct evidence linking West with any of the disappearances, detectives said they were ready to investigate any allegations and begin digging up the allotment if Gloucestershire police believed any bodies were huried there. Excavation would be difficult. Strathclyde police said yes- however, since houses and

Press backlash: Newspapers in the dock over use of cheque-book journalism

# Question over tainted evidence

HEATHER MILLS Iome Affairs Correspondent

eading lawyers said yesterday that Rosemary West may have an "arguable" case in the Court of Appeal if she could prove evidence against her had been tainted or distorted by the promise of large sums of money from newspapers to the key But barristers blamed the

Government for repeatedly failing to take action in the past over what has become an increasing feature of many hig trials, from the Moors murders through to Jeremy Thorpe and that of Peter Sutcliffe.

dal goes back to 1979, when the present Government failed to prosecute its friends at the Sunday Telegraph who promised to pay £25,000 to Peter Bessel if the evidence secured the conviction of Jeremy Thorpe,"

He said journalists should be free to interview witnesses. The harm is when there is an offer of large sums of money on the assumption that their evidence will lead to a conviction. It is calculated to huy them into a story, which may be exaggerated in order to obtain more money from the media."

Michael Mansfield, another leading QC, went further, suggesting that interviews with wit-Yesterday Geoffrey Robert-son QC, a media law expert and defence lawyer said: "This scan-trial is completed,

Yesterday Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney General, said ministers were now "seriously considering" making cheque-book journalism illegal after the 20 examples in the West case. He admitted there had been

other controversial cases, but

added: "This case has seen

more huying up of witnesses' stories than we've seen for very many years. "Here we've got something like 20 incidents and it goes absolutely contrary to the code of

practice that was agreed by the newspaper industry themselves." Sir Nicholas said both defence and prosecution lawyers had expressed concern over

He is meeting the Lord

should be explored by the Court of Appeal. Certainly there may be an arguable case for appeal if it can be proved evidence has been altered or tainted."

promise of money.

injustice. Last year, the Taylor sisters were acquitted of murder, partly because appeal judges decided it would have been impossible for the jury not to have been influenced by prejudicial and inaccurate press reporting of the trial. This summer, however, the Attorney General refused to bring contempt proceedings against the

wspapers concerned. Richard Ferguson QC, who represents Rosemary West, was also the sisters' barrister.

Yesterday Mr Röbertson said: "The one thing that would force the Government to outlaw payment to witnesses. would be if it prompted the It would not be the first time the Court of Appeal to quash the conviction of Mrs West."

## Papers told Swearing replaced by REBECCA FOWLER silence after questioning

WILL BENNETT

Rosemary West's manner changed from confident and aggressive to cowed and silent during police interviews, one of the detectives who questioned her said yesterday.

Detective Scrgeant Terence Onions said that when he and other officers arrived at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, on 24 February last year she was angry and swore at police, her voice shrill.

"She was very sure of herself. extremely in control and aggressive and I don't think she really believed that the police were going to take her house and gar-den apart." DS Onions told the press yesterday.

Rosemary West was on home ground during this first interviews at 25 Cromwell Street but the next day she and her husband. Frederick, were arrested and she was taken to Cheltenham Police Station.

There her whole demeanour changed as she realised that the police looking for her eldest daughter Heather, who had been missing since June 1987. could no longer be folhed off with lies and excuses.

DS Onious said "She avoided eye-to-eye contact, her head was bowed and she huddled in the corner. In the house she had been aggressive and she sometimes swore."

Rosemary West, who was convicted of 10 murders of young women and girls by the jury at Winchester Crown Court on Tuesday and Wednesday, became increasingly unco-opera-tive during the dozens of police interviews that followed.

DS Onions, 43, who has served with Gloucestershire Police for 20 years, said that eventually she exercised her right to silence and refused to nswer any questions at all. He continued: "I would say that she was an uneducated

woman. If I had to come down on one side of the fence 1 would say that she was not very intelligent but that she did have a natural cunning." When DS Onions told Rose-

mary West that her husband had confessed to killing Heather, she shrieked "What. So you know where she is."

He said yesterday that she might have been trying to pre-tend that she was horrified at Heather's death or that she might have been genuinely ap-palled that West had confessed to the murder.

\*She had some tears hut whether they were real tears or crocodile tears I don't know. She may have been aghast but it may have been something she was portraying.

DS Onions said he had no plans to interview Rosemary West again. He explained "If she maintains the stance she has got at the moment there is little point in going to see her."

that deals were allowed

The investigation into cheque book journalism, following the payment of witnesses in the Rosemary West trial, was undermined last night by claims that Lord McGregor, the former head of the Press Complaints Commission (PCC). gave guidance to tabloid newspapers that the industry's code of conduct was sufficiently am-

biguous to allow such deals. More than 20 witnesses in the West trial had lucrative contracts with newspapers for exclusive rights for their stories. prompting concern that their testimonics would not he reli-able. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, has called for a report into the payments, and is to raise the matter with the Home

But Lord McGregor, who was chairman of the PCC when Frederick and Rosemary West were arrested, allegedly told the Duily Star newspaper, which was anxious to ensure it did not breach the voluntary code of conduct followed by the news-

clear enough for newspapers to

make such payments. In clause nine of the PCC's voluntary code of practice it says: "Payments or offers of payment ... should not be made directly, or through agents, to witnesses or potential witnesses in current or criminal proceedings, or to people engaged in crime or to their associates ... except where the material concerned ought to be published in the public interest."

The Daily Star paid £3,000 to Anne Marie Davies, Rosemary West's stepdaughter, in a deal made before she gave evidence. She told of being ahused and raped by her parents when she was 8-years-old.

We went out of our way to make sure we were not breaching either the letter of the spirit of the code," Phil Walker, editor of the Daily Star, is reported as saying in The Economist today.

The PCC, under its current regime, announced on Wednesday that it would review the issue of payments to witnesses. Lord McGregor refused to comment last night on whether paper industry, that it was un- he had offered guidance to



Anne Marie Davies: Made deal with newspaper

newspaper editors. "I have no desire to emharrass or make things difficult for my successor by saying anything.

A separate review will be undertaken by Lord Mackay, together with Sir Nicholas Lyell. the Attorney-General, and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to look at possible changes to the Contempt of Court Act 1981. It was last reviewed in 1966 following the Moors murder case, when two witnesses were offered moncy by a newspaper.

made a £20,000 deal with Caroline Owens, a former lodger at the Wests' home in Gloucester, defended the payment yester-day. Editor Stuart Higgins said moves to curb cheque book journalism were "crazy" and

## ress watchdog may act over witness deals

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

Newspapers faced growing condemnation yesterday over payments made to potential witnesses in the Rosemary West

During the trial it emerged that Janet Leach, Frederick West's "appropriate person" who sat in on police interviews with West, initially lied to the court about having accepted an offer of £100,000 from the Daih Mirror, for her story. She denied embellishing her evidence to make it more marketable.

Other paid witnesses included West's daughter Anne Marie Davies; Caroline Owens, the victim of an indecent assault by the Wests in 1973, who was paid £9.500 by the Sun and is due to get another £10,500; and Kathryn Halliday, an ex-lover of Rosemary West, who got £9,000 from the Sunday Mirror.

The Press Complaints Commission will discuss whether to strengthen its voluntary code on Wednesday but despite the outery it has had no complaints about the issue.

code of practice, drawn up in agreement with newspaper editors, states that payment or offers of payment should not be made by the press to witnesses or potential witnesses in criminal proceedings unless it is in

the public interest. That clause has never been tested and a problem for the commission is that there is no case law. It is also difficult to define when a person becomes a "potential witness".

Nor is it clear how the PCC would know when someone had breached the clause until after the court case. Its brief is to act on complaints, and few wit-

nesses would complain if paid. The Lord Chanceltor, Lord Mackay, has commissioned a report into the incidence of cheque-book journalism even though the Official Solicitor. who is under his jurisdiction, recently sold the access to Fred West's archive for a biography

to benefit his children. Lord Mackay's office said: "He will discuss what further steps are needed with colleagues - the Home Secretary. cout the issue. the Attorney-General and oth-Clause nine of the PCC's cr interested ministers."

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# Safeguards offer hope of fewer blunders

Public Policy Editor

"Can you guarantee that something on this scale won't happen again?" Michaet Honey, the Chief Executive of Gloucestershire County Council was asked, after Roscmary West had been sentenced. "You can never guarantee anything in this life," was his

instant response. But in the trail of clues, hints and missed opportunities stretching back through more

health workers and others are adamant that there were moments when things would clearly have a different result now.

The first moment that sticks out is the West's sexual assault on Caroline Owens, their for-mer nanny, in 1972. The Wests were fined £50 each. The police made no reference to social services. And social services took no action, despite the case being covered by local newspapers.

Today, they would have be-come involved. Police would pass the information on, and an investigation to see if the chilthan 25 years, social services,

education and the NSPCC all sharing whatever information they had at a case conference.

By then, however, Fred West had already killed people outside his family at least twice and had disposed of Rena, his first wife. Charmaine, the first of the murders for which Rosemary was convicted, was also dead. Today, contacts between health and social services would also be different. The West

fering from thrush - frequent-ly a sexually transmitted disease and one with gonorrhoca. Anne Marie was taken in on her ninth birthday in 1973 with bruising and scratches on her hreast and when 15 she was in hospital with an ectopic pregnancy. But all the events were recorded in different files and no connection was made.

partments with children suf-

Nowadays, the level of suspicion among medical and nursing staff is higher. More

a programme to introduce a patient, which should greatly improve record linkage. Education officials also failed

to report Fred's 1987 statement that he had "laid out" a child - an event that today would be more likely to be passed on to social services. But for all that, John Rans-

ford, secretary of the Association of Directors of Social Services, said yesterday: "No-one with any sense could also be different. The West hospitals have computerised give an absolute guarantee that family appeared at casualty derecords, and nationally there is it couldn't happen again.

services, police and other pro-"But we can, with a degree of certainty, say that given the way child protection proce-

ments made by health, social

It was also clear from the trial that many adults in and around Cromwell Street knew dures have moved on in the past 25 years, it is extremely unlikeat least some of what was hapthat a situation like that pening, but did not pass the information on. The child abuse would build up and the signs not be picked up."

Child protection, however, still depended crucially on inmourry which finally led to the murders being uncovered was triggered by a child telling a formation being exchanged police officer that one of the West's children was being consistently identified as a flaw in the system by more than 40 child abuse inquiries since the death of Maria Colwell in 1973

Child protection, however, cannot protect the icenage run-aways and others who became

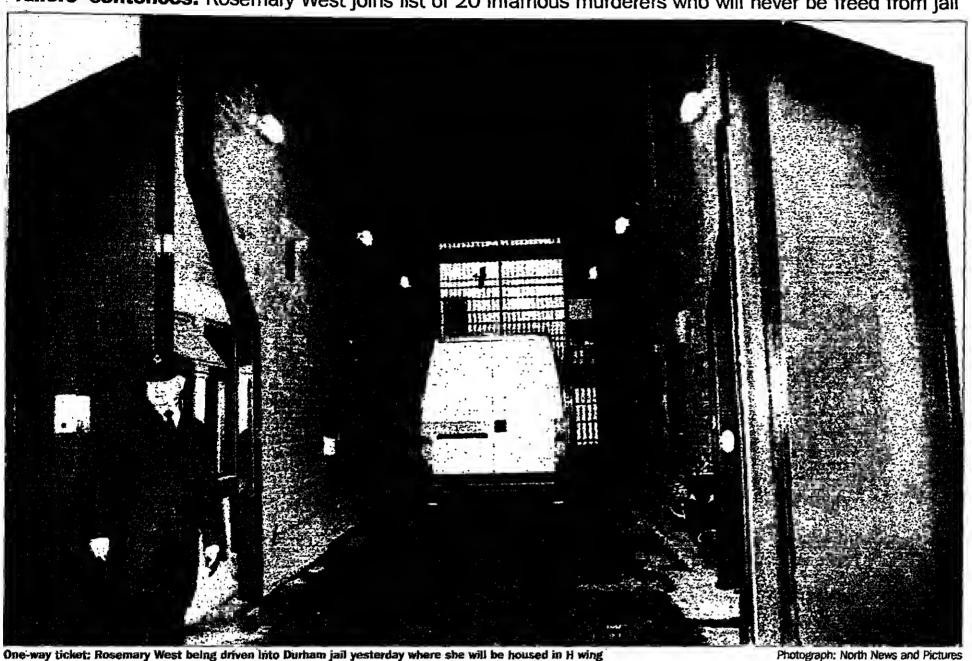
Girls in care

paid visits to

the Wests' main murder victims. The charitable National Missing Persons Hetpline now holds data on 14,000 missing people - although it still lacks full national coverage - and it is starting to use pattern matching of where people disappear, which it says may help spot

serial killers earlier. Mary Asprey, a co-founder of the charity, said yesterday: "We would all be very silly to think it couldn't happen again. But we hope not to the same extent. We

Killers' sentences: Rosemary West joins list of 20 infamous murderers who will never be freed from jail



# Wests' home

At least seven teenage girls living in care at Jordan's Brook House in Gloucester made sccret visits to Fred and Rosemary West's house at 25 Cromwell Street, police and social services have established.

**NICHOLAS TIMMINS** 

But there may have been more, Deryk Mead, director of Gloucestershire social services, admitted yesterday after court evidence that Fred and Rosemary West may have "targeted" the home, picking up vunerable girls. At times a "scruffy van" was seen around the gates of the bome. But we are clear that nobody knew at the time." Mr Mead said.

"Miss A", who gave evidence at Rosemary's trial, lived at the home and became a victim of the Wests' sexual obsession in 1977, and Alison Chambers. a persistent absconder from the home, was murdered and buried in the garden of Cromwell Street. At least one other resident is known to have been sexually abused by the Wests.

Jordan's Brook opened in

1970 as a 24-bed Home Officerun approved school for 13 to 17 year old girls, taking young offenders from an area streiching from Cornwall, through parts of Wales to Manchester. In 1973 it became a Gloucestershire run community home. but with a similarly wide catchment area until 1981.

A cheek on the individual

files of more than 1,000 girls who stayed at Jordan's Brook between 1970 and 1994, and on all the home's records and log books, shows no record of any link between girls at the home and either of the Wests, or wilh their homes in Midland Road and Cromwell Street. Nor is there any record of links with other residents of the

Wests' homes. But from follow-up interviews, Gloucestershire now believes that seven girls during that time were probably involved with the West household in some way, four of whom say they were not abused in any

But Mr Mead said social services could not be sure that was the limit. Some former residents were saving they did not have any contact with the Wests when they may have done. And claims that the Wests targeted the home "might possibly be true", he said. "But there is nothing in the records to show that, and there is nothing to say that the van that was seen was Fred's. There is no evidence, but there is nothing to say it never happened."

Mr Mead says that all the evidence from the council's own inquiries and the trial was that the girls were "intimidated into keeping quiet". They were given a warm welcome. But they were told not tell the authorities they had visited Cromwell Street - and they did not.

# Club of the damned recruits its newest life member

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

The doors of Durham jail yesterday closed on Rosemary West at the start of a sentence that will only end with her death.

Although it has officially to be confirmed by both Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice and the Home Secretary, she is chiatrists and will be placed on certain to join the infamous round the clock watch to preranks of the 20 inmates for whom a life sentence really

does mean life. She joins Myra Hindley, the Moors murderer - and the only other women on the natural life list - and other serial killers such as Dennis Nilsen, who murdered up to 16 young men at his from murder and arson to flat and Robert Black, who

with no prospect of release, present special problems for the Prison Service - increased risk of suicide, behavioural problems, even escape - she will be allocated a specially trained personal officer to monitor and supervise her detention.

She will be interviewed and assessed by doctors and psyvent any suicide attempt - or any attack from other inmates on Durham's secure H wing. The special wing housed within the predominantly male Victorian jail, perched on the city limits, currently holds 44 women. Their offences range armed robbery and serious vi-

Like those prisoners who, bished the once notorious H wing housed the IRA terrorists Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer until they were trans-ferred to Northern Ireland. If staff perceive any threat to

Mrs West, or if she herself

feels under threat, she could be segregated for her own protec-Her normal day in the unit, the only one in the country, should involve about 12 hours

outside her cell, taking part in education and "purposetul" ac-tivities, including work in the jail's textile workshop, or in the unit's activity centre making pottery or soft toys.

She will be allowed two, twohour visits a month - huilding up to four visits in return for

pected that for some prisoners life meant literally life, it was only officially confirmed last year following a House of Lords ruling. It forced the Home Secretary to lift the secrecy which allowed him the final say over when those serving compulsory life sentences for murder should be released. Last December about 2,500 mandatory lifers learnt for the first time exactly how long they would spend in jail - and were given the chance to make representations about the sentence.

About 20 learnt they will never be released. Earlier this year, one of them, Jeremy Bamber, jailed for the murder of his family, lost a test case in which he argued a whole life sentence

# Counselling for anguished jurors

PETER VICTOR and WILL BENNETT

The image of Rose West in the dock, the details of her appalling crimes and the suffering of her victims will haunt jurors, survivors and relatives of the dead for years to come.

A wide range of professional counsellors have been draft-ed in to offer advice and comfort to the dozens of people connected with the case.

Normally, jurors are en-couraged to contact court ushers if they are distressed by the evidence in a trial but the arrangements in the Wests' case go much further than this.
Conrt officials decided to provide extra counselling last week.
Two welfare officers from

the Lord Chancellor's department have been brought in to belp anguished jurors deal with

their distress or anxiety.
One of the officers is a qualified counsellor and both are trained in dealing with posttraumatic stress disorder. Jurors will be told that they can contact these two officers, get in touch with their family doctors or telephone a freephone health line which give details of

counselling services. In addition, a specialist team from Gloucester Victims' Sup-



In the witness box: Artist's impression of Rosemary West giving evidence in court

port is providing a confidential service for others affected by the Cromwell Street inquiry, in-cluding "survivors" and victims' relatives.

A nine-member team was trained to deal with the case, a spokesman for the organisation said. He said that training sessions were given by specialists whose expertise covered death through violent crime, adding: "There is nothing like the West case, it is without precedent."

Funding was provided by Gloucestershire County Coun-cil and the police, which asked the victims' support group to provide a dedicated service for all those affected by the reve-

lations thrown up by the case. The Gloucester group, which had a co-ordinating role work-ing with police, social services and other victims' agencies, has received numerous calls for advice, the spokesman said. "We have had a lot of distress at all they want to be listened to."

levels. We have talked to people from all walks of life, who are affected differently. But all have been touched in some way by the horror of the situation.

Among the callers were rel-atives of missing persons, he said. "It gives them a chance to talk about it, to come to some understanding of what is hap-pening and what is involved. We help where we can ... This is really about people being burt and



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Libel trial: 'Newspaper allegations about holiday at homosexual love-nest were part of campaign aimed at forcing resignation

# Malicious sister tried to destroy MP, court told

AN MacKINNON

The embittered sister of a Tory MP mounted a campaign to force his resignation by accusing him of having a homosexual affair, a jury was told

yesterday. In a series of telephone calls and taped conversations. Lynne Garling, sister of David Ashby, the MP for Leicestershire North West, passed information seeking to expose him in an article in the Sunday Times, the

High Court was fold. However, in telephone conversations with Mr Ashby's wife, Silvana, from whom he was separated when the article appeared tast year. Mrs Garling swore that she had not been the source of the information.

Geoffrey Shaw QC, for Mr Ashby, told the court that just before the article was published on 16 January, his client

had told a Sunday Times reporter that his sister was "a vicious, sick woman motivated solely by malice" and was out to destroy him.

Mr Ashby. 55. who bas been an MP since 1983, is suing the newspaper for libel over the article which he says makes him out to be a "homosexual, liar and hypocrite".

Times Newspapers and Andrew Neil, the former editor of the Sunday Times. deny libel, saying that Mr Asbby was conducting a homosexual relationship with Dr Carian Kilduff.

The article said Mr Ashby and an unnamed man spent a night in November, 1993 at a hotel in Goa which was a "tove nest that asked few questions about its guests". Mr Shaw said it was true that his client had spent a night at the hotel, but he had been alone and had not The information about the holiday had come from Mrs Garling and her husband, Victor, in a series of anonymous telepbone calls, said Mr Shaw.

The newspaper had earlier published another story, not the subject of the action, also on the basis of an anonymous tip, say-ing Mrs Ashby, 53, had been fu-rious because the couple bad split up when he teft her for another man. Mrs Ashby confronted Mrs Garling asking if she had provided the material in the story, which she denied.

However, in the wake of the publication of the article on 9 January, other newspapers pub-lished allegations that Mr Ashby bad shared a doubte bed at a French chateau with Dr Kilduff. Mr Shaw told the jury that when questioned by journalists on the doorstep of his flat in south-west London, Mr Ashby denied that he was having a ho-

that be had shared hotel rooms with men to save money.

However, a second story ap-peared in the Sunday Times when Mrs Garling again contacted the newspaper to telt of the holiday in Goa. The reporter tried to reassure Mrs Garling that she was doing the right thing - saying that if Mr Ash-by, who stressed the importance of family values in the 1992 general election, had been openly homosexual the paper would not have been interested.

The reporter told Mrs Garling that it would force her brother's resignation from Par-liament within two weeks, Mr Shaw said. "From that passage you learn that the joint object of Lynne Garling and the Suntheir own reasons, David Ashby to resign as an MP."



The hearing continues today. Legal battle: David Ashby and his daughter Alexandra outside the High Court yesterday Photograph: Edward Webb

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# PM rebukes minister for jibe at Diana

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Nicholas Soames personally apologised to the Prime Minister before being slapped down by John Major in the Commons yesterday for going over the top in accusing the Princess of

Wales of being in the "ad-vanced stages of paranoia". Mr Soames, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was not threatened with the sack, but it was made clear at Westminster by senior Conservative sources that his prospects for promotion had been damaged because of an alleged "lack of judgement".

Mr Major was prepared to tolerate his initial outburst against the Princess, but was irntated when Mr Soames continued to attack her publicly the next day. Downing Street had said he was free to speak personally, but yesterday the Prime Minister answered Labour calls or him to sack the saying bluntly: "I do not expect

any more comments." Last night, Mr Soames's ministerial job was not at risk, hut he has been left in no doubt that his role as a courtier to Buckingham Palace could not be allowed to override his ministerial duties again.

The Prime Minister's Office refused to elaborate on his future, but the Independent has learnt that Mr Soames went to see Mr Major on Wednesday to apologise for the row over his

remarks, and he made it clear that he would not be making any more comments on behalf of the Prince of Wales.

Mr Soames apologised for a prominent report claiming that he had asked the Prime Minister to intervene at the Palace by asking the Queen to seek a divorce between Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales. He told friends: "It's absolutely untrue and I am saying no

A former equerry to the Prince, Mr Soames, a grandson of Winston Churchill, was upset at the criticism his remarks in support of Prince Charles encountered after his appearance on the Newsnight programme on BBC2 on Monday, immediately after the screening of the interview with the Princess of Wales on Panorama on BBC1.

As the criticism mounted, Mr Soames told the Independent that he believed a divorce conceroed. As the Palace offered an olive branch of talks with the Princess. Mr Soames said the Princess should be given a role as an ambassador for Britain abroad, but she could not act "as a freelance".

The question of a role for the Princess and the divorce are understood to have been discussed when Mr Major had an audience with the Queen on Tuesday. He felt Mr Soames had gone too far, and decided to make that clear yesterday.

## French ro-ro ferries may face UK safety ban

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

French roll-on roll-off ferries may be banned from British ports because France is refusing to agree to higher safety standards drawn up in the wake

of the Estonia disaster. The negotiations within the International Maritime Organisation, which is meeting in London throughout this week, are deadlocked over the refusal of the French to agree to the imposition of new safety designs on ferry operators.

The British, along with a group of six north European nations - Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Norway, and Sweden - want to ensure there that disasters like the Estonia and the Herald of Free Enterprise are not repeated by redesigning ferries which can survive with up to 50cms of water in the car deck. This would be in addition to the existing Safety of Life at Sea 90 (Solas 90) standards imposed following the *Herald* disaster in 1987, in which nearly 200 people died.

But, according to a source close to the British negotiating team, the French "are taking a very negative attitude towards improved standards". The French are worried that any new international standards would also he imposed on ferries operating in the Mediterranean where they claim the sea is calmer. The new standards were drawn up by an IMO commit-

tee of experts following the sinking of the Estonia a year ago, in which 900 people lost their lives.

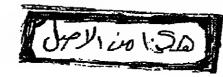
The meeting is continuing un-tit next Wednesday when there will be a signing ceremony and Bill O'Neill, the IMO's Canadian secretary-general, said that he wants full international agreement and not just a par-

Currently, the negotiations are deadtocked because the British want the new standards imposed on alt ferries operating to and from the United Kingdom, while the French want their ferries exempt. If the French continue to

refuse to agree to the new standard, ministers have intimated that French ferries could be banned. A compromise, which the British government is trying to avoid, might involve allowing the European Commission to set new safety rutes.

The current Solas 90 standard merely says that ships should be able to survive a certain level of damage following a collision in seas with waves of a maximum height of t.5 metres.

The problem with roll-on roll-off ferries is that once water gets on to the car deck, which stretches throughout the whole length of the boat, it starts swilling about, causing the ship to capsize. In the Herald disaster, it was estimated that the ship keeled on to its side within 90 seconds of water getting on to the car deck.



Student grants: Demonstration against 'final straw' of new savings as claims of hardship on campus intensify

# Thousands march against cash cuts

VICKY WARD

Ten thousand students marched through London yesterday to demonstrate against Government plans to cut student grants by a further 10 per cent next

The National Union of Students, which organised the demonstration, said students were already suffering from financial hardship as a result of a 10 per cent cut in grants this year. And "the final straw," according to a spokesman, was the Government's declared inten-

tion to privatise student loans. The NUS President, Jim Murphy, claims student hardship is reaching intolerable levels. "Recent research by the NUS found that one in three students missed meals because of hardship, and university medical centres are now acknowledging real problems with stress-related illnesses among

Students. Student loans were introduced five years ago at the same time as the student grant, which went towards meeting living costs, was frozen in value. In the 1993 Budget, the Government announced its intention of accelerating the switch from grants to loans by cutting the value of the student grant by up to ten per cent a year for three years and increasing the amount available from student loans hy an equivalent amount,

The DFEE said yesterday that in the current academic year, grants were cut by between 5.3 per cent and 8.6 per cent. depending on individual circumstances. The grant is currently £1.885 a year; £2,340 in London.

Financial stress among students is heing cited by the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals as a possible reason for increasing student drop-out rates. According to the most recent figures available 40,000 students dropped out in 1992/93 - 25 per cent up on

the previous year. The stress factor did seem to be a major inspiration for the demonstrators. According to Rhinana, a 19-year-old under-

graduate from Sheffield, she was not marching on her own behalf. hut for her friends, She said the stress of having a family, as many mature students did, comhined with working late nights in pubs to find the money to pay essential living costs, inflicted such stress that those students

often had to drop out.

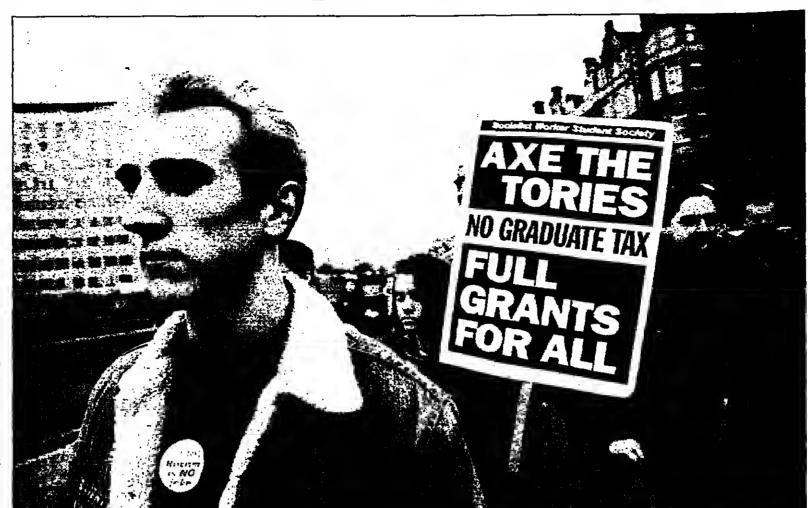
A woman student from Doncaster University, who did not wish to be named, said that IT classes there had dropped to only five from about 20 because of course costs. In Doncasterstudents were particularly aggricved by recent cuts in transport allowance. Doneaster's three campuses, she said, were at different ends of the city and most students used the bus, which cost them £1 to move from site to site.

The purchase of textbooks, according to Jo, 19, from Leicester, and Marie, 20, from Durham, both studying comhined science, was a major expense that had heen overlooked. Jo said she had to buy four books a term at a cost of £20 each. Her total annual grant is £1,000. Both said they had to work during the holidays. which did not interfere with their studies too much at present, but they were worried about what would happen when it came to their finals. Three of Jo's friends dropped out last year because they could no longer afford it.

Marie said that after her college hills had been paid she had been left with £50 to live on. She does not get a grant, so her parents have to make up the rest, which is a strain on them.

Steve Okelo, 30, an overseas student from Kenya, studying at Sunderland, was marching because he said his overseas grant fell short of his living requirements by £30 a week. This, he said, was partly to do with exchange rates and banking arrangements in his own country that the Government had not taken into account.

There were signs, perhaps that not all of the protesters were as hard-up as they claimed. When one of them thought no-one was looking, he whipped out his mobile phone.



Can't pay, won't pay: Student Ben Hutchins takes part in the protest march in Westminster yesterday

55 per cent of eligible students

took out 517,000 loans, com-

pared with 28 per cent of eligi-

## £142m owed to loans firm may not be repaid

WENDY BERLINER

About £142m borrowed so far from the Student Loans Company may never be recovered, according to company estimates in a report published yesterday by the National Audit Office.

Most of the money - some £127m - may not be paid back hecause the graduates never earn enough to reach the threshold to start repayments, or they die before they do.

Some £15m will be owed by graduates who do not make repayments and are never caught. More than 11,000 students owing £1.8m are already in default. The company, is planning to increase staffing in its collections department from 83 to 150 within the next five years in or-

der to chase defaulters. The Student Loans Compahas outstanding loans of £1.8bn, loaned since the scheme was first introduced five years

ago to top up grants for student living costs. The average student loan in the current academic year is £1,040.

Banks and other financial institutions are to be invited to bid lo run a privatised student loan scheme under a government Bill published last week.

Ministers believe the costs of the existing loans scheme are growing too high and that alternatives have to be found. When the Student Loans Com-

pany was originally set up the hig banks refused to take part. mainly because they would not make any money out of it. They remain sceptical about this latest overture from the Govern-

The proportion of students taking out loans has grown rapidly since the Government first froze the value of the student maintenance grant and then began to reduce it.

hle students taking out 180,000 loans five years earlier. The National Audit Office decided to examine the com-

pany after thousands of students suffered delays in receiving their loans in autumn last year. The Operations of the Student Loans Company Limited, by the National Audit Office, is available from HMSO; £8.95. In the 1994-95 academic year

#### INBRIEF

Papal plea 'may sway divorce vote

Irish government sources have claimed the eleventh-hour intervention by the Pope may have hardened the "Yes" vote in today's divorce referendum.

They claim he has antagonised religious minorities and may provoke a higher turnout by pro-divorce voters. On Wednesday, the Pope urgcd Irish pilgrims to pray even more intensely for the welfare of marriage, and emphasised "the unhreakable unity" between husband and wife. Section Two, page 2

#### Heathrow crash

More than 350 passengers and crew escaped unhuri when when two jets collided on the ground at Heathrow. An airport spokesman said the accident occurred as a Gulf Air Airbus A340 and a British Airways 757 were manoeuvring on a taxiway before take-off.

#### **Churchill exhibition**

The Churchill papers are on dis-play to the public for the first time since their controversial £12.5m purchase with National Lottery money in April. The four-day show at Churchill College, Camhridge, is a taster for a national tour next year.

#### Stroke test

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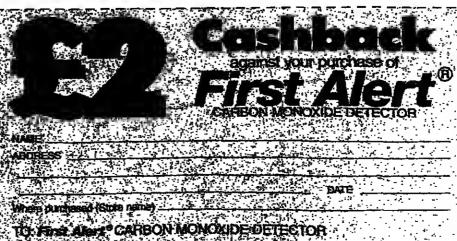
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Health policy: MPs say present shortcomings show need for charter to govern long-term treatment of elderly patients

# Committee calls for end to 'lottery' of NHS care

#### **GLENDA COOPER**

MPs yesterday called on the Department of Health in end the "care lottery", by setting up a national long-term care charter which makes clear the service people can expect in

Their call came the day after the Health Service Ombudsman criticised North Worcestershire Health Authority for failing to provide NHS care by discharging a 55-year-old stroke victim into a private nursing home and saddling his wife with a bill for thousands of pounds.

The charier, outlined by the Commons' Health Select Committee report, should include a named list of services and a "minimum" list of specialist equipment, home aids, and time scales for assessment.

Eligibility criteria for these should also be "needs-led" rather than "resource-led", with the committee saying it "failed to see" why the NHS should not be responsible for funding all the care of people in nursing homes who required special health care support.

During the mid to late 1980s, there was a huge increase in private residential and nursing home places for elderly people, with the number of places in private-sector residential accommodation rising from 44,000 in 1982 to 164,000 in 1994. Over the same period, the number of nursing home places rose from 18,000 to nearly 150,000. During the same period, the number of local authority residential home places fell by nearly 50,000 - from 116,000 to 69,000.

The MPs, from all parties, had earlier expressed concerns on "significant geographical variations" and called for national eligibility criteria to be set. Subsequently the Department of Health announced that it would monitor arrangements.

The committee called on the department to publish the outcome of individual health authorities' policies and criteria, and to outline the action it will take against those who depart from the national framework.
It added that the charter should specify that NHS-funded patients entering a nursing home should have the right, subject to necessary clinical or financial conditions, to choose their own nursing home.

The department should also seek evidence from local authorities to discover the extent of the problem concerning "preserved rights" residents. In April 1993, the Govern-

ment transferred the financial responsibility for all new occupants from the DSS to local authorities, but left funding of existing residents with the DSS. Where homes' charges now

exceed Income Support, relatives have had to make up the shortfall, with local authorities not allowed to intervene imtil the old person faces eviction. "We recommend that the Department conduct a review of the existing arrangements," it said. "No elderly resident should face eviction in the

The Royal College of Nurs-ing welcomed the MPs' call for national standards and backed the proposal for a charter, but said it wanted to see radical re-

form of funding arrangements. General Secretary Christine Hancock said: "I urge the Gov-ernment to act now to end the care lottery. Nursing must be an NHS responsibility. We need a strong national framework and clear national standards to keep faith with a generation of older people who believed that the NHS would take care of their health needs in later life."

Harry Cayton, executive director of the Alzheimer's Sociapplauded recommendations, "If they are

acted on by the Government they will do much to improve the present uneven and unfair provision of NHS long-term care," he said.

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities said the report's rhetoric must be translated into action: "That means extra resources," said Cllr Rita Stringfellow, chair of its social

## services committee. MP urges law to end 'Jackal' fraud loophole

#### **COLIN BROWN**

Chief Political Correspondent

A Labour MP is calling on the Government to oullaw impersonation after he obtained a birth certificate under false pretences, like a scene from the Day of the Jackal.

Jeff Rooker, the Labour MP for Birmingham Perry Barr, is pressing the Prime Minister to fulfil a pledge to close the loop-hole in the law, which was promised in a Government White Paper five years.

He believes organised gangs are using birth certificates as a fraudulent means of ohtaining



Jeff Rooker: Concerned at the implications for crime

a wide range of benefits, in-cluding a full British passport. Mr Rooker's involvement follows the discovery of a fraud involving two of his constituents, whose twins died at birth 30 years ago in a Midlands hospital. Three decades after their deaths, a woman claiming the identity of one of the twins was caught in a social security crackdown.

Officers checked their records un thousands of people applying for passports and discovered that a death certificate had been issued in the case of

the woman. She confessed that she was a Nigerian national, sing a birth certificate which had heen legally ohtained.

Mr Rooker said the case highlighted the need for legislation to make it an offence to impersonate people in order to ohtain a birth certificate. To illustrate the ease with which hirth certificates can be obtained, Mr Rooker got a copy of the hirth certificate for the other twin.

In May, the Prime Minister assured Mr Rooker that the need for the legislation "has not been lost between the Home Office and the Department of Health".

"It remains the Government's intention to introduce the necessary legislation to implement the remaining White Paper proposals, when Parliamentary time permits, irre-spective of the outcome of the consultation on identity cards. We are seeking to make other important reforms, however, and we have not yet been able to find a place in the legislative programme for what would be a lengthy Registration Bill,"

John Major said. The failure of the Government to include a Registration Bill in the Queen's Speech for the new session of Parliament was condemned by Mr Rooker. In the Day of the Jackal, a hired sassin assumes a new identity by obtaining a birth certificate of a dead person. Mr Rooker

said organised crime could easily exploit this loophole. "The Government says it is concerned ahout organised fraud. One of the keys to that is the ease of access to the hirth certificates. They said in 1990 they were going to close [the loophole] down. They have done nothing. That leads me to conclude that their pretence that the Immigration and Asylum Bill is to do with a social security crackdown is so much hype," Mr Rooker said.



Battle weary: Cyril Hudson says the strain of fighting his mother's case contributed to losing his job Photograph: Joel Chant

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# Mother who was 'pawn in a game'

Cyril Hudson's story is, he be-lieves, "sadly all too common". A heart attack left his mother unable to cope in her flat nearly four years ago, and, with the help of social workers, her son chose a home from a list they gave him, writes Glenda

Cooper.

Mr Hudson and his sister thought that their mother still that their mother still the had significant funds from the sale of her house some years before. But in fact the rent had swallowed most of it up.
"I applied to the DSS for in-

come support and they came up with the maximum available which was £240 a week, but I had to make up the deficit which added up to £5,000 a year," he said.

Mr Hudson's mother Violet is one of the elderly still fund-ed by the DSS because she was in a home before April 1993.

Income support has not risen at the same level as her home fees, leaving her son to make up the shortfall. The select committee wants the Department of Health to question health authorities on how widespread the problem is. Mr Hudson struggled to make up the deficit from his earnings and his own savings.

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dant from his job. "I was told by social services that until my mother was actually evicted by the home they couldn't step in and do anything." he said. "Once she was out, then they would be responsible, put her back in and make up the difference."

So a running dispute started between Mr Hudson and the owner of Mrs Hudson's home. Mr Hudson refused to pay more than the minimum £240. The owner had the choice to accept that or evict her.
"It's been very traumatic.

The strain was contributory to losing my job," he said. "Tve finished up in front of a psychia-trist and a psychotherapist." Matters came to a head on 31

October when the owner finalserved notice to quit. It was finally resolved by moving Mrs Hudson to a smaller room which costs less, making her what her son calls "a captive prisoner". "There's a poker game going on between the Government and the nursing homes and old people are the

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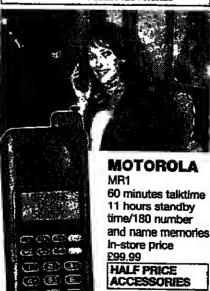
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Right to Work: Radical scheme to save £5bn a year

# Workfare plan to cut jobless

**NICHOLAS TIMMINS** Public Policy Editor

A Right to Work Bill, aimed at ending involuntary unemployment over three years, was launched yesterday by the cross-party alliance of Frank Field, Labour chairman of the Commons Social Security Commit-tee, and Sir Ralph Howell, the Conservative MP for North Norfolk, a long-time advocate

of "workfare" style schemes. The package would reduce Government spending by £5bn a year, they claimed, while putting the jobless to work with a series of incentives linked to draconian benefit cuts for those who chose not to take part.

Under the scheme, both public and private employers would be paid £60 a week for adults and £30 a week for 16- and 17year-olds - to take on the jobless, provided they matched those sums to produce wages of £120 and £60 a week.

Those not employed under

he offered employment under a oew Right to Work, uodertaking caring, environmental or minor infrastructure schemes io place of their henefits. They would be paid £3 for every hour they made themselves

But the payments would replace existing unemployment and Income Support benefits and those choosing not 10 join the Right to Work scheme would be entitled merely to £30 a week to live on, a quarter of the Right to Work payment. with no entitlement to housing benefit or any other benefits.

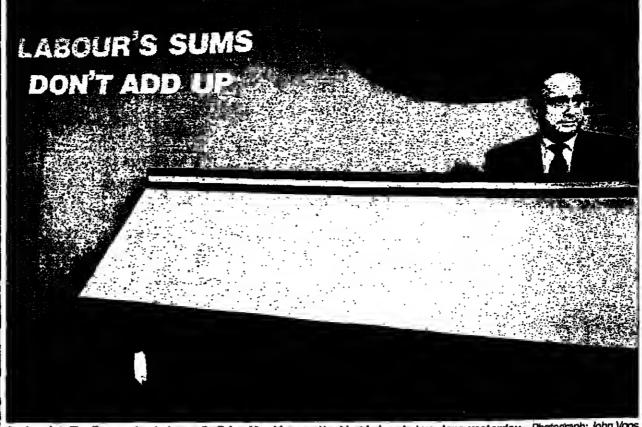
The Workstart scheme would create an additional 1 million jobs. Mr Field and Sir Ralph claim, the subsidy being halved in the second year. The Right to Work programme, which would be phased in over three years, starting with the under-25s, then those aged up to 30, and then those nearest to retirement age, would see the state become the permanent "employer of last such a Workstart scheme would resort" for at least some of the

2,250,000 unemployed who failed to fied unsubsidised jobs. Both Mr Field and Sir Ralph

accepted their Bill was far from perfect. Provisions to stop employers dismissing existing workers to take oo subsidised ones are outlined only briefly, for example, and their dramatic claim of a £5hn saving makes no allowance for the capital and revenue needed to provide tools and supplies for environmental and infrastructure projects. But Mr Field said its aim was

to "attack the mindser which stems from the Treasury, that there is no alternative to their approach for running the economy". All other attempts to combat long-term ucemploy-ment had failed, he said, and a new national strategy was "long overdue".

The Bill is huilt around the ideas of Denis Snower, Professor of Economics at Birkbeck College, London, who argues it would lead to economic growth, at a fraction of the cost of ucemployment benefits.



Cash point: The Tory party chairman Dr Brian Mawhinney attacking Labour's tax plans yesterday Photograph: John Voos

# Fox beats off the right-wing challenge at 1922 committee

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

A right-wing offensive to snatch the chairmanship of the influential 1922 Tory backbench committee came to nought last night as the John Major loyalist Sir Marcus Fox beat off a challenge from the Dartford MP Bob Dunn.

Mr Dunn's fellow right-winger John Townend, a 1922 executive member and chairman of the backbench finance committee, likewise failed in a bid to be elected as one of the committee's two vice-chairmen While Sir Marcus is broadly

on the "establishment" right, Mr Dunn, a former minister, is a hardline Thatcherite No Turning Back Group member. His "Get Dunn In" campaign was based on the argument that he would provide continuity on the committee at a time when nine of the party grandees among the 18-strong executive are planning to retire from Parlia-

ment at the next election. However, the overall upshot of last night's annual elections leaves the political complexion of the executive unchanged, with MPs from the right-wing 92 Group still accounting for nearly twothirds of the officers and mem-

The only change to the executive was the exit of Sir Donald Thompson, and that was only by default because he failed to get his nomination papers in on time. He is replaced by the former armed services minister Sir Archie Hamilton.

Prominent members of the 92 Group, led by the chairman Sir

egy was thwarted. It was the second year in succession that Sir Marcus, the MP for Shipley, has had to heat off a challenge. Last year he saw off Sir Nicholas Bonsor, now a

slate of fresher candidates who

would be likely to figure in the

oext Parliament. But that strat-

junior minister, amid heavy criticism that he was too fond of relaying the views of the leadership to the backbenches, instead of transmitting the views and criticisms of MPs to the Government

A number of MPs thought he

The 1922 executive officers and members

Chargings: Sir Marcus Fox.

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George Gardiner MP, had went too far when he warned pressed unsuccessfully for a that a Euro-rebellion could provoke a general election. There was further indignation after he offered the executive's endorsement of John Major in the summer leadership contest when two executive members. Mr Townend and David Evans, were backing John Redwood.

Sir Marcus said last night: "I am very mindful that over the next year the future of our party in government will be determined and I will do everything I possibly can to ensure that is brought about."

Mr Dunn said: "Naturally I am disappointed but of course it was an exercise in democracy. Both Marcus and I accept that this vote is healthy for the party. Now we are going to

No 1922 chairman is thought to have ever vacated office voluntarily. By convention the votes cast are never revealed, but Sir Marcus was believed last

## Major and **Bruton** struggle to revive summit

DONALD MACINTYRE

John Major and Joho Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, were last night urgently seeking to rescue the prospects of an early summit to inject fresh momentum into the Northern Ireland peace process.

The two leaders had a further "substantive" conversation which failed to resolve the outstanding differences over London's insistence that the IRA should hegin the process of giving up their arms before allparty talks oo a future political settlement can take place.

But they are expected to speak again today in the hope of securing advance agreement in time for what one Irish source said was still the possihility of a summit on Sunday before next week's visit by US President Bill Clinton.

The two sides have reached broad agreement on the "twintrack" approach under which an international commission would examine the hroad issue of arms decommissioning. At the same time the two governments would begin separate preliminary talks with each of the Northern Ireland political parties - including Sinn Fein - on the outline of a longer-term political settlement.

While the Irish government is appareous oo longer de-manding that the British requirement for the IRA to begin handing over their arms should be part of the formal "remit" of the international commission, Dublin is suggesting that the commission should be able to make recommendations on how the request might be fulfilled.

There have been complaints that progress towards clearing the final "roadblocks" towards a summit has been impeded by the influence exercised on Mr Bruton by John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, and Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein. ■ President Clinton's visit has been postponed by 24 hours unril Wednesday to allow him to make a national television broadcast on Bosnia and the night to have won comfortably. | role of US troops in the peace.

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## MP wins chance to alter the clock STEPHEN GOODWIN Parliamentary Correspondent

The prospect of an end to adjusting your watch on crossing the Channel moved closer yesterday. After topping a ballot oo backbench Bills, Tory John Butterfill announced he would introduce a "daylight saving" Bill to advance the clocks an hour. Mr Butterfill said the police

believed the change would save 660 deaths and serious injuries a year and cut £250m a year from heating and lighting bills. But the move to Central European Time, with "double summer time", has a downside. Postal workers and others who work outdoors face darker mornings and in Scotland in

winter the sun would not be up until nearly 10am. Mr Butterfill, MP for Bournemouth West, said he would accept an amendment so that Scotland could stay on the present Greenwich Meantime-

British Summertime system. However, while the Bill stands a fair chance of success, the idea of two time zones within the United Kingdom, playing havoe with timetables unlikely to appeal to many.

Mr Butterfill's name was first up in the annual ballot of backbench MPs to introduce a private member's Bill. Twenty names were drawn but the constraints of parliamentary time mean only about half a dozeo are likely to reach the statute book, and only then if they are not too controversial.

Two years ago MPs voted by 103 votes to 86 in favour of a Bill to advance the clocks but the parliamentary timetable meant

it made no progress.

During the Second World
War clocks were changed four
times a year to maximise daylight. Double summer time was tried 25 years ago but it was dropped after a number of children were killed in Scotland on their way to school.

Second in the ballot was Alan Meale, Labour MP for Mansfield He said he will study material sent to him by different groups before making up his mind on his proposed Bill.



## news

## **Doctors** set to prescribe aerobic classes

#### JOJO MOYES

The hypochondriac – scourge of doctor's waiting rooms everywhere - may soon be prescribed advanced aerobics instead of an-ubiotics, following the launch of a scheme yesterday in which fitness programmes will be available on prescription.

The Wright Foundation Medical Referral Programme aims to bring together doctors and fitness experts to provide people with medically prescribed fitness programmes at their local teisure centres.

Patients with "prescriptions" will be able to use fitness facilities under supervision by specially trained fitness experts and at half the normal price.

The medical professional will be putting in a prescription. as we call it, which contains patient details that the referral consultant has to take into consideration," said Murdo Wallace, chairman and founder of the Wright Foundation, which masterminded the scheme. "We set it up because we realised that doctors were hesitant to send people on fitness programmes because they didn't have a medical basis.

More than 100 leisure centres across the country have already applied to have staff trained as referral programme consultants". By the time the courses begin next April, the foundation is hoping that 400 leisure centres will take part, following the success of a pilot scheme in Bournemouth.

"The pilot scheme began two years ago and there are currently 534 people referred there. It is now funded by the Dorset Health Commission who completely endorse it,"

Mr Murdo said. Mr Murdo said that although paying for people to attend fit-ness classes might appear expensive in the short term. "Patients become less dependent on expensive medication so they're cutting down on the drugs bill." he said. He added that it could help relieve ailments from depression to car-dio-vascular problems.

# Endgame in bitter chess battle







Pawns in the game: Garry Kasparov (left), who set up a rival chess association; Florencio Campomanes (centre) who has stepped down as president of Fide, and Anatoly Karpov

WILLIAM HARTSTON **Chess Correspondent** 

#### Crisis in Fide: Colourful president resigns after vote of no-confidence

Florencio Campomanes, president of the International Chess Federation (Fide) for 17 turbulent years, has resigned his post after a motion of no confidence was passed against him "and his whole team" at a president. meeting of the Fide Central Committee in Paris.

With his colourfully autocratic style, the 68-year-old Filipino had led Fide into some of the greatest crises in its history, yet his political skills had always in the past seemed to thrive on the storms and disputes he created. This time, however, he has been brought down by his efforts to do a deal with the rival Professional Chess Association and its leader, Garry Kasparov, the former Fide world champion The hattles began in 1985

when Campomanes abruptly terminated Kasparov's world championship match against Anatoly Karpov after the combatants had been at each other's throats for five-and-a-half months. Convinced that Campomanes was robbing him of a chance to win the title, Kasparov declared war against the Fide The sniping between them continued until 1993 when Kas-

parov, whose anti-Fide stance had not been supported by his fellow grandmasters, found an unlikely ally in England's Nigel Short, who was his official world championship challenger. Short's gripe with Fide in general and Campomanes in particular lay in a belief that he was being short-changed in their decision to accept a hid from Manchester to stage the title match. The prize money was far less than Short had been led to expect. So he contacted Kasparov and suggested they take

their custom elsewhere. The result was the formation of the PCA, the expulsion of

both Short and Kasparov from Fide, and the creation of two world championship titles. Be-tween 1993 and 1995, the PCA and Fide ran parallel world championship eliminators, Kas-parov defended his title a month ago against the young In-dian challenger, Viswanathan Anand, while Anatoly Karpov, who had recaptured the Fide title, faced a challenge from the American, former Russian, Gata Kamsky, At this stage, Campomanes comes back into

At the end of 1994, his fourth term as Fide president was coming to a close and be had announced that he would not seek re-election. At the Fide congress in Moscow last December, he changed his mind and had his name again added to the ballot paper. His candidacy was supported in a stirring speech by Garry Kasparov, who said: "If Campomanes wants to

stay four more years, I would

Their joint platform was built on an agreement to reunify the two world titles. The schism was damaging to both organisations: the PCA lacked the credibility of backing by the world gov-erning body; Fide lacked the support of the strongest player in the world. So Campomanes was re-elected, and that is when the problems got worse.

While the PCA championship cycle proceeded smoothy, the Fide version ground to an unexpected halt after Kamsky and Karpov qualified for the final. Yet Campomanes, who had shown considerable skill in the past in finding multi-milliondollar sponsors for world title matches, was making no apparent effort to secure backing for the Karpov-Kamsky match. While full details of the Campomanes-Kasparov deal'were on the agenda. So was a report

component had been the promise of a unifying match for the world championship in 1996. Yet the delay in organis-ing Karpov-Kamsky brought accusations that the Fide cycle was heing quietly forgotten. Both Karpov and Kamsky wrote furious open letters to Campomanes, Karpov accusing him of acting like "God and Tsar", while Kamsky accused

him of being an ally of Kasparov

in the latter's efforts "to prevent

the Karpov-Kamsky match". In September 1995, a letter was delivered to Fide headquarters in Lausanne. Switzerland, signed by 61 delegates from member nations, calling for an extraordinary general meeting. Campomanes negotiated, and managed to have it downgraded to an ordinary general meeting, hut a motion of no-confidence in him was still never published, one major on alleged irregularities during

Campomanes's re-election in Moscow.

The no-confidence motion was passed, by 14 votes to 12, at a preliminary meeting of the central committee. It still had to be formally confirmed by the General Assembly, hut this time his opponents seemed to have done their homework well. Another surprise report, on the state of Fide finances, sealed his fate. The figures supported allegations that the president's high level of spending was more than the organisation could afford.

Without waiting for another vote, Campomanes resigned, Soon after, it was announced that the Karpov-Kamsky match for the Fide championship will take place in Montreal.

The American grandmaster Larry Evans, a veteran anti-Campomanes campaigner, summed it all up: Every figure in history gets about one defining sentence. For Campomanes the defining sentence will be 'They kicked him ont'."

## Scare tactics ditched in drugs battle

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

A glossy guide to taking illegal drugs safely and a national helpline offering advice on any aspect of drug use are key elements in a Government initiative which has abandoned the "scare tactics" of previous

campaigns.
The £14m three-year campaign, launched just a week after the death of Leah Betts, who took a single Ecstasy tablet, marks a new pragmatism in dealing with the escalating problems of drug abuse among teenagers.

Young people who are considering taking drugs will have access to "all the information at hand to make an informed decision," according to the first issue of D-Mag, which provides straightforward facts about drugs, their health risks, and first aid advice.

David Arnold, director of the drugs publicity campaign, which is being run by the Health Education Authority, said drugtaking was not glamourised or

condoned by the magazine. "This campaign acknowledges the positive beliefs about drugs but strongly counters this with facts about health risks. There is a serious level of

ignorance. said Mr Arnold. Preliminary findings from a HEA survey of 5,000 children and young people across the country, aged between 11 and 24, show that more 60 per cent regard health risks as the most important reason to stop taking drugs. A further 31 per cent said they did not know any of the health risks involved with Ecstasy, and a further 42 per cent knew nothing of the hazards of taking LSD. The 24-hour helpline, which

offers free and confidential advice to callers, was "essential" to the success of the new campaign, Mr Arnold said. "Getting [the helpline number] in front of every young person and their parents is the main purpose of today's launch."

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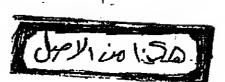
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## news

## Leeson returns to face justice in Singapore

STEPHEN VINES

Nick Leeson, the man who is alleged to have brought down Barings bank with his rogue futures trading, has returned to Singapore as he left - travelling business class, accompanied by his wife Lisa – but this time they were joined by two lawyers and three security officers.

He fought extradition to Singapore for almost nine months but finally volunteered to return and to apologise for claims that he would not be able to get

a fair trial in the republic.

It was typical of Mr Leeson that he sought trial in Britain rather than Singapore. His two years in the republic were spent with hard-working, hard-drinking expatriates who got to know little of the country. They would instinctively believe that British justice was better than that offered by Singapore.

They have a point. Singaporean judges are not known for leniency. "Compassion went out of the window a long time ago, now I deliver justice, "said Chief Justice Yong Pung-how in a recent judgment.

Compassion may be in short supply but last month's publication of Singapore's independent inspectors report into the Barings collapse made it clear they would not simply blame Mr

Leeson for the débacle. Lawrence Ang, the director gapore.

of Singapore's Commercial Af-fairs Department (CAD), spe-cialists in financial crime, has said that if Leeson offered to cooperate with his team he saw no reason not to accept the offer. Mr Leeson will appear in a

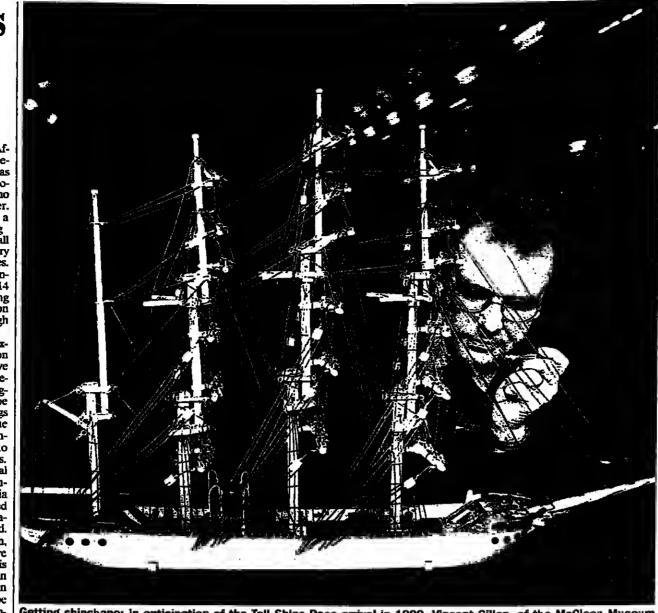
district court this morning where details will be given of all or some of the 11 fraud, forgery and deception charges he faces. The district court cannot im-

pose sentences exceeding 14 years. Any sentence exceeding five years would mean detention in one of Singapore's four tough maximum security prisons.

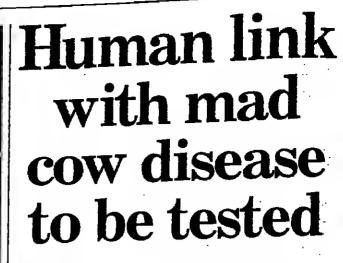
Some Singaporean legal ex-perts believe that Mr Leeson could escape with less than five years in jail if the authorities believe that he has made a significant contribution to the conviction of senior Barings officials who are named in the report as having lied to the in-vestigators and attempted to cover up the bank's problems. The most vulnerable official

is James Bax, the former managing director of Baring Asia Pacific. He has been questioned by CAD and remains in Singapore with his passport withheld. Mr Bax's boss in London,

Peter Norris, the chief executive of Barings Investment bank, is even more heavily criticised in the report. However, he is in London and would need to be extradited to face charges in Sin-



Getting shipshape: In anticipation of the Tall Ships Race arrival in 1999, Vincent Gillen, of the McClean Museum in Greenoch, Strathclyde, restores a model of the Snagow by J Mcvey, from an 1890 ship built in Port Glasgow



TOM WILKIE Science Editor

Bits of brain taken from dairy farmers who recently died of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease - the human equivalent of mad cow disease - are being injected into taboratory mice in what scientists hope may be a definitive experiment to show whether BSE can spread to bumans.

Brains from infected cattle bave already been "passaged" through mice which catch the murine (mouse) equivalent. According to Dr Sbeila Gore, from the Institute of Public Health in Cambridge, tissue infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy produces a distinctive pattern of damage to the mouse brains. She said: "If that pattern were seen when mate-rial from brains of CID farmers is used it would suggest very strongly that BSE had come into humans, It would prove the

Public concern about a possible link between the bovine and the human diseases has re-cently been heightened follow-ing the deaths of four farmers and two young people from CJD. But it will take at least two years before the results of the

experiments in mice are known. In an article published in today's issue of the British Medical Journal, Dr Gore warns that the "cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in farmers and young adults are more than happenstance. They signal an epi-demiological alert to investigate intensively possible exposures -

farm related and dietary." Dr Gore said yesterday: There is some urgency to this. It would be negligent if we did not follow these things up." She stressed, however, that she was not saying humans had been in-fected: "We don't have proof

that BSE bas come into hu-mans. We do have an unusualy high number of occurrences in people who have worked with adult cattle so that we want to

look at occupational exposures." Cows are believed to have caught BSE by eating cattle meal infected with sheep scrapie, following changes around 1982 in the way the rendering industry treated offal and other wastes.

From the first certified case in 1986 to the middle of this year, the disease bas been confirmed in more than half of dairy herds and 15 per cent of heef suckler herds. Dairy farm-ers are therefore at risk of occupational exposure to the agent that causes the disease, if BSE is transmissible to

Dr Gore added: "I don't know what the dairy farmer source may be. Farmers do apparently eat cattle cake - it's rich in protein." If farmers did eat cattle cake in the early 1980s it would have been contaminated with BSE infected material. Dr Gore pointed out that the incidence of CJD is much higher among dairy farmers than it is for farmers as a whole and that this is true not just in Britain but in other European countries.

It is possible that these countries bave had infected but not affected cattle - calves exported from the UK for veal for example might be infected but would be slaughtered before the disease became apparent.

Dr Gore suggested that it would be worth studying CJD among farmers in countries such as the US, New Zealand, and Australia where there has essentially been no incidence of BSE to see if the trend bolds that there is a higher incidence among dairy farmers than for

## Driver in stupor killed cyclist

en stupor ran down and killed a cyclist 10 days after being released from prison for his third drink-driving offence, a court was told yesterday.

Brendon Cheshire was so drunk he was not fit to be interviewed until nearly 24 bours after the crash.

Cheshire has numerous previous convictions dating back to his teens for dangerous driving, driving without insurance, failing to give breath specimens, and 14 offences of driving while disqualified, the Old Bailey

Jailing Cheshire, 35, of Barking, Essex, for six years, Judge Brian Capstick told him: "There are clear aggravating features in this case, there is drink, there is failure to stop and there is

your previous record." Cheshire had drunk nearly a bottle of whisky and was three and a half times over the legal limit for driving when he knocked David Stoten from his bicycle as he tried to overtake him on a flyover in Barking in August, said Lindsay Burn, for

the prosecution. Witnesses heard the screech

A disqualified driver in a drunk- of tyres and a bang and found 35-year-old Mr Stoten, who had said goodnight to his fiancée moments before and was cycling to his bome, lying in the road by his smashed bicycle.

Cheshire had not stopped but was arrested outside a block of flats near by. Residents bad called police after they saw his car, its windscreen smashed, mount the pavement. They saw him stagger from it, too drunk to walk properly.

When officers arrived Cheshire was slumped in the driving seat, too drunk to stand up by himself. "I have had an accident," be told police who saw his eyes were glazed, his speech slurred and his answers

incomprehensible. Cheshire had left prison determined not to drink but when be found out his girlfriend and the mother of his child wanted no more to do with him be start-

His counsel, Joseph Giret, said Cheshire deeply regretted the accident which still hauntcd him. Cheshire admitted causing death by dangerous driving, driving while disqualified and without insurance.



'Damp white imprints ... '

By Yevgeny Yevtushenko (translated by Anthony Kahn)

Damp white imprints dog the feet; snowbound trolley, snowbound street. Her tip of glove to lip and cheek,

"Good-bye." Go. Deathly, into souring snow and stillness, as expected, go, A turn:

the plunge into the metro. A blare of lights. A melting hat. I stand, am spun in drafts, see black, take the nunnel, train, and track, sit and wait as others sat, touch cold marble, chill my hand, and, heavy-hearted, understand that nothing ever really happened, ever would, ever can.

Yevgeny Yevtushenko was born in Siberia in 1933. He has been an outspoken political activist throughout his life. A critic of Stalinism in the tate Forties and early Fifties, his poetry became well known in the Soviet Union and was translated into 22 languages. He was a member of Soviet Parliament from 1988-91. Despite being a political writer, be is essentially a lyric poet, writing with great tenderness about the human condition. This Saturday, as part of the Rewriting History Series, he will be giving a poetry reading at 7.30pm with Nayantara Sahgal in the Purcell Room, the South Bank Centre, London SE1. Box Office inquiries to 0171 960 4242.



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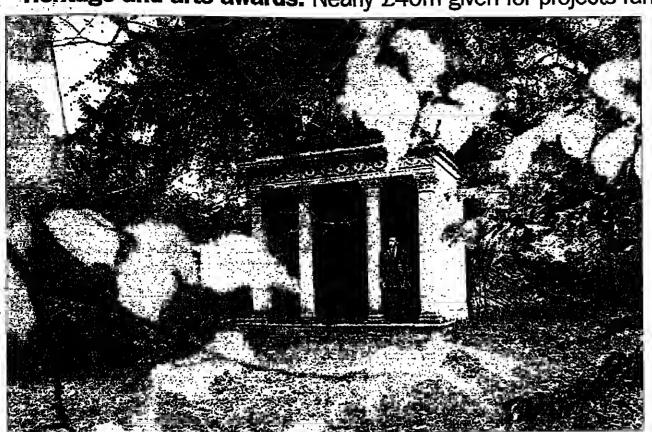
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Heritage and arts awards: Nearly £40m given for projects ranging from £4.9m for parkland to £1,500 for a memorial tablet Churches and Wales win



REBECCA FOWLER

The National Heritage Memorial Fund has given £4.9m of lot-tery money for the National Trust to buy Croome Park near Worcester, one of the country's finest landscaped gardens. It was one of 56 projects that benefit-ed from the £13.7m worth of yesterday, many of which had a strong Welsh or ecclesiastical theme. A further £25m was handed out to 76 projects by the Arts Council.

The grants ranged from the £4.9m from the NHMF for the park and £6m from the Arts Council for a National Glass Museum in Sunderland, to £1,500 - the smallest the heritage fund has awarded so far - to St Andrew's church in Somerset for the restoration of memorial tablet.

Despite its vocal opposition to

the National Lottery, the Church of England stands to be one of the greatest recipients of lottery money. Bath Abbey, which receives 300,000 visitors a year, was given £500,000 yesterday to clean the interior, and 18 grants were given to churches for beils,

top share of lottery cash

"I regard the introduction of the lottery as a fresh form of gambling, which slips us down the road of materialism a bit furtber," Prebendary Ricbard Askew, Rector of Bath Abbey. said. "But it exists and this is how the Government has decided to fund Britain's heritage. We who are the stewards of these buildings must face up to it and draw on funds so raised."

organs and rebuilding.

There was also a strong Welsh theme to the projects, which in-cluded a £372,000 grant to the National Trust to buy Hafod Garregog, a 169-hectare estate including the 15th-century house

of Owain Glyndwr, the last in-dependent Prince of Wales. The distributors of lottery

money have been accused of concentrating funds in London and the South Lord Rothschild, chairman of the Heritage Lottery Fund, which handles the grants for the NHMF, said that be was anxious the fund should increase its Welsh spending, currently £1.1m, although be said he was anxious not to cre-

ate "theme-park Wales". Over time we wish to achieve a fair balance both geographically and by popula-tion," he said.

A £300,000 grant goes to the National Gallery in Scotland buy a painting, the Madonna and Child with the Infant Saint John the Baptist and Attendant Angels by Guilio Procaccini, which belonged to Charles I. .

The HLF also published its annual report yesterday. So far

it has given £70m in grants: 26 per cent for land projects, 17 per cent for buildings, 24 per cent for museums and galleries, 19 per cent for manuscripts and archives and 13 per cent for industrial, maritime and transport

Jack Cunningham, Labour's eritage spokesman, attacked the Government yesterday for taking too intrusive a role in the distribution of lottery money. In Secretary of State for National Heritage, he criticised plans to use funds to foster a direct rela-tionship between schools and artistic centres for excellence

While I have proposed the idea of a "talent fund" from lottery proceeds ... I am concerned that ministers are becoming increasingly involved with the distribution of lottery proceeds towards specific projects of their own choice," Dr

## Trust to rescue first landscape by Capability Brown

CHRIS MOWBRAY

The birthplace of Britain's modern love affair with gardening, Croome Park in the Severn valley, brought international fame to the nation's greatest-ever landscape artist. Now the park, designed by Capability Brown in the second half of the 18th century, is to be restored by the National Trust over the next 10 years at a cost of £8m.

As the National Heritage Memorial Fund announced in Cardiff yesterday that it was giving £4.9m towards the project, officials of the trust's Severn region shunned the reception to get out and about on their new treasure in Wellington boots

and Barbour jackets. It was during the 1750s that the then unknown Lancelot Brown was retained by the sixth Earl of Coventry to turn 675 acres of Worcestershire marsh into a classical manicured landscape which set the standard for sweeping parklands across the

country in the Georgian age. The unusual partnership between the two men developed into a life-long friendship and created a new art form inspired by classical philosophy and the concept of the Grand Tour.

It also earned Brown his nickname. When reporting on how the work was progressing, the designer would regularly knock on his employer's door to tell him: "The park has its capabilities, my lord."

This was Capability Brown's first great landscape park and it is of tremendous importance," David Brown the trust's regional public affairs manager, said. "It is also unusual because it

includes work by the architect Thomas Adam and the sculptor James Wyatt. Here you have something which combines the work of the three finest artists

of the late 18th century. "It has altered little since it was created except that it has decayed and was ravaged by Dutch elm disease in the Seventies. We intend to restore it totally and will be opening it so that the public can see the work taking shape."

The centrepiece of the park is Brown's mile-long artificial river, which is really a manmade lake. The land also includes his grotto to Sabrina, the goddess of the River Severn, made with some of the earliest artificial garden stone.

Other features include man-made island, two classical temples designed by Robert Adam and the statue of a druid and a memorial to Brown by

The trust's regional director. Cecil Pearse, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity to restore a unique creation. Brown Earls of Coventry, but we are doing it for the nation - that is why we find it so exciting."

The park is being bought from the Sun Alliance, which has owned it since 1981 and is giving £300,000 towards the restoration. The house itself, Croome Court, is empty. Owned now by a property de-veloper, it is on the market and is not part of the package.

The estate was sold off and the Coventry family moved out in 1948. The 11th earl, known locally as "Bill", still lives near by and walks regularly on the land.

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# Puttnam sees a grim future for London

MATTHEW BRACE

London will slip into cultural obscurity and social decay un-less radical changes are made in the next few years, City campaigners warned a conference

on the capital's future yesterday.

Speaking at the Royal Geographical Society in central London, the environmentalist and film producer Sir David Puttnam painted a grim picture of London in the next century, overtaken culturally by other world centres and plagued by a general malaise among its population.

To avoid such a fate, he said, London's 85 MPs urgently need to form a caucus to debate and drive change, not least in trying to establish it as Europe's arts

capital.

London seems unable to display any form of confidence and unless we get it back in the near future the result will be the most distressing, upsetting thing I can imagine," he said.
He added that the millenni-

um and its associated festivals and events would be vital for London's future, promising an estimated 100 million tourists.

The millennium is not just a chance for London, but its last chance," be said. "But I can only think that for the Government, the 31st of December that year is just a date for a fireworks

Sir David also said that for far too long Londoners had put up with inadequacies in their services and surroundings. "For years people have commuted to and from work in appalling conditions but they never complain. Why not stage a one-day strike when everyone refuses to come to work unless things improve?" he suggested.

"And the year after, a two-day strike, and so on until something gets done.'

Also speaking at the conference, and equally critical of the state of London and concerned for its future, was the architect Sir Richard Rogers, who reiterated his blueprint for a 21st century London for the public, with pedestrianised squares and streets, plush public transport, and a revitalised river Thames.

His plans include more bridges across the river, the planting of a million trees to reforest the Embankment, and increased river transport.

"The public need somewhere to meet, they want somewhere to meet, we should be giving them places to meet," he said. His main attack was on the car, saying the average speed in London is now 10mph, the same as it was 100 years ago. Also on the conference agen-

da was how the capital will sur-

vive as a financial world centre

and how it is to be governed locally in the next millermium.



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Diana in Argentina: Public remain indifferent to 'ambassador' and sceptical of President Menem's motives for the trip



# **Ghosts of Falklands** haunt Princess's visit

The Malvinas is a scar that will

never heal. It was our Hiroshima'

PHIL DAVISON Buenos Aires

If she thought she was going to fly away from it all, the Princess of Wales was mistaken. When she settled into her first-class British Airways seat for an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, the in-flight TV news review concentrated on one theme only - her BBC interview.

Journalists, kept at a distance by the Princess's detectives, said they were not sure whether she watched. She appeared to take a tablet, possibly a sleeping pill, and dozed during most of the 13-hour flight, they said.

She had to. After a quick wash and hrush-up at the British Embassy, she was straight into her first appoint-ment, patting disabled youngsters' heads at a paralysis centre and chatting to victims of road. rugby and swimming accidents.
The Princess had flown into

Ezeiza international airport, then on by helicopter to the capital's military airport. She was no doubt unaware that it was at that airport, around the time she was courting Prince Charles, that Argentine Air Force planes used to load anti-government suspects, "drugged like zomhies", before tossing them out alive over the mouth of the river

ident, Carlos Menem, who will host a lunch for her at his official residence today, is being widely accused here of trying to garner near-royal powers for himself. He is currently trying to push through measures that would allow him to bypass Congress and rule by decree on key

issues such as tax reform and

Insisting that her visit is about charity, she may also be unaware that this nation's Presaid a British diplomat here.

His remark appeared to con-firm a widely held belief here that the Argentine government proposed organised and financed the trip, although the Princess was ostensibly invited by the Infant Paralysis Association she visited yesterday. The theory implied that Mr Menem wanted the Princess here to

privatisation of industries.
The Princess looked relaxed push his rapprochement with Britain, partly in the hope of

as she was greeted at the military airport by the mayor of Buenos Aires, Jorge Dominguez, and driven off in a new V12 Jaguar. The Jag and a twin model for the British ambas-sador, Sir Peter Hall, carried the diplomatic plates of the embassy. But their registration discs gave the show away. They had been imported from Chile especially for her visit. The ambassador normally drives a Rover.

The cars, the first-class tickets for her and her staff, and the general costs of her stay, raised showing that he is making progress in his pledge to regain the Falkland Islands.

President Menem, whose own love life - complete with a di-vorce and an illegitimate child has often fed the gossip columns. will he bost at a lunch for the Princess today. Tomorrow she flies to Patagonia to go whale-watching and take tea with the descendants of Welsh settlers.

She flies home on Sunday to face the music with Buckingham Palace for revealing the secret life of Britain's royals.

ambassador, this was possibly the wrong place to start. The Malvinas [Falklands] defeat is a scar that will never heal," said Daniel Antonio, who runs a corner store next to the clinic the Princess visited. "It was our Hi-

roshima. We'll never forget." An opposition senator, Luis Leon, went further. "This national fawning over the visit gives prestige to a monarchy that has taken the lives of our young people to preserve a colonialism that usurped our territory," he said.

Local reporters said Argen-tine Air Force helicopters had been enlisted to ferry the Princess to and fro because the presidential helicopter, offered by Mr Menem, carried the name "Malvinas Argentinas" (Argentine Falklands) on the sides. There had been talk of covering the name with a sticker hut it was feared the rotor blades would blow them off and embarrass the Princess, the reporters said.

Overall, though, the Princess was met with indifference. "No me va ni me viene" (I don't care one way or the other) was the most common response. A few dozen people had assembled outside the clinic vesterday but most were curious neighbours the question of who exactly If the Princess hopes to make and they were far outnumbered was footing the bill. "You'd a career as a kind of goodwill by journalists.

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## EU to slash farmers' aid before expanding east

KATHERINE BUTLER

The European Union is considering sweeping new changes to its farm policy to prepare the EU for expansion to include former Communist states in Central and Eastern Europe.

New cuts in the support given to Europe's 9 million farmers are outlined in a draft of a long-awaited white paper on The proposals will go before enlargement strategy, prepared EU heads of government when by the EU Agriculture Comthey meet in Madrid next missioner, Franz Fischler month. They suggest that the 10

farming lobbies, particularly in France and Germany.

The draft says that to expand eastward without scaling down tbe £30bn-a-year Common Agriculture Policy will cause an explosion in spending and a return to the notorious grain and beef mountains and milk lakes of the early Eighties. Earlier reforms of the CAP have removed these surpluses and hrought EU farm prices in line

with, or in some cases below, world market levels. The fear is that eastward expansion could renew the cycle of overproduction. Agriculture is important to the economies of Eastern Europe, where a quar-ter of the workforce is employed on the land. If the status quo is retained, the annual cost to taxpayers would rise hy £8bn-12hn, draft plans say.

month. They suggest that the 10 The proposals are certain to former Communist states bop-provoke hostility from the big ing for membership by the turn ing for membership by the turn of the century should be made to wait several years after joinbefore being allowed to take advantage of the CAP's

generous support. During the transition period they would get extensive aid to revamp their decrepit farms as well as a gradual opening-up of EU agricultural markets to their exports. The paper steers clear of specifying how long the delay would last.

Regardless of enlargement, Mr Fischler says deeper CAP reform is inevitable because of internal budgetary pressures and world trade liberalisation. The warning is intended to head off a row between fierce critics of the farm policy, such as Britain, and its stalwart supporters, including France and Ireland, which could block the

entire enlargement process. Price cuts, he says, could continue to be compensated for by direct payments to farmers introduced in the 1992 round of reforms, but would be limited to "where necessary".

The CAP, which is a hurcaucratic nightmare to run because of its complexity and red tape, would also be simplified.

The paper also suggests replacing the annual springtime price-fixing haggle with a USstyle five-year support programme. Brussels would devolve control over running the policy to national governments. including responsibility for some direct income supports.

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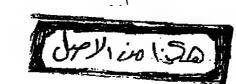
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## PEACE IN THE BALKANS

# Milosevic slaps down hardline Bosnian Serbs

Sarajevo

President Slobodan Milosevic of most of Serh-held Sarajevo, Serbia last night claimed victory in his struggle with Serb hardliners in Bosnia opposed to the Dayton peace deal, deal requires him to surrender reporting that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb President, had accepted an although that may be a conagreement that will end his career and, in theory, put him on trial for war crimes.

Milosevic had summoned Mr Karadzic and other hardline

said Belgrade won the day. Bosnian Serb objections to the plan, centred on the sacrifice of would be met through negotiations. The report appears to seal Mr Karadzic's fate. The cession too dangerous for Mr Milosevic to follow through. Mr Milosevic had summoned

After a secretive meeting his former clients to Belgrade near Belgrade, to which Mr for a lecture on the facts of life: namely, that he will be damned if his Bosnian rebels wreck Ser-Serh leaders, the official hia's chance of escaping the in-Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug. ternational trade embargo.

publicly to the agreement, and may be holding his fire until he is safely back home in Pale. Never has the concept of "Serb unity", for which the Bosnian war was supposedly fought, looked so bedraggled. The deal signed by Mr Milo-

sevic has strained the competing interests of the rebels in Bosnia to breaking point, as shown by the contradictory responses to the Dayton deal trickling out of the "Republika Srpska". Whether the cracks can be papered over, an alternative Serb leadership found and the

Therefore, a peace-friendly leadership must emerge. Mr

Karadzic has yet to respond

during the dangerous few weeks before the Nato Implementation Force arrives remains to be

The geographical and political poles of Republika Srpska - Banja Luka and Pale - have slowly drifted apart, and the gap has been immeasurably widened by the deal. Banja Luka, a large in city in north-ern Bosnia, has always smarted at the concentration of power in the "capital" of Pale, a twocow ski resort close to Sarajevo. But it has come out well ahead in the peace stakes. Under the new map, the

mailing and servile". The hard-line speaker of parlia-ment, a delegate to Dayton and member for Serb Sarajevo. added: "We have warned President Milosevic that no one has

city. However, the Bosnian Serbs will surrender five districts

of Sarajevu, a bad enough fate

for residents of the area, hut

fatal for the Pale politicians.

The new maps, said Momci-lo Krajisnik, are "bad, black-

the right to sign such a plan." However, the mayor of Banja Luka, perhaps in revenge, Republika Srpska will regain

some land around Banja Luka, including a vital hydro-electricity plant that supplies the right to initial the docu-

The two Bosnian Serb leaders, Mr Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, are barred from holding office because of their indictment on war crimes charges. Mr Karadzic may cling to power the only way he can, by scuppering the agreement, hut it seems General Mladic, who never sought political pow-

er, is ready to go.

Through his deputy, General Milan Gvero, the military reacted with compliance to the deal. Mr Milosevic had shown

tion", he said. It was now important "to do everything to really hreathe life into this peace". General Gvero may be thinking of his future, hut it is almost inconceivable that he spoke without General Mladic's

hlessing. So how could Mr Karadzic defeat his former mentor in Belgrade? UN officials believe the next few weeks will be the riskiest, as no one expects much of a fight from the Serbs once Nato's troops are in place. They fear the pro-war leadership may stage some bloody event to

peace and his principled stance in the search for a final solucouragement to obstruct the de-ployment of US troops in Bosnia, and without the Amer-

icans, the French and British are likely to fall by the wayside. The officer corps is loyal to General Mladic, and Belgrade. while the soldiers are underpaid, exhausted and fed up. But Mr Karadzic has poured money into the paramilitary police, which might consider its interests (bribery and corruption)

best served by more war. "In the long run, I don't think Karadzic can endure", an observer said. "But he may start quite a serious fight if he is utterly desperate.

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## EU dreams of rebuilding a war-torn land

SARAH HELM

No sooner has the ink on the Bosnian peace agreement dried than hureaucrats in Brussels, Washington and other world capitals, working on the postwar reconstruction plan, have begun to talk in astonishingly idealistic tones about the future

of the war-torn land. Within days, the EU, which hopes to oversee reconstruction jointly with the World Bank, will dispatch a mission to the Bosnians to discuss "priority needs".

The "peace implementation" conference is to be held in London on 8-9 December, when a decision will be made on forming a steering committee. probably consisting of the leading Western countries and Russia. A. top representative, probably Carl Bildt, the EU representative to former Yugoslavia, is also to be appointed to oversee civilian aspects of the

peace plan. At the end of December will come a "pledging conference", in which nations will offer to help pay the \$5bn (£3.2bn) that the World Bank estimates will be needed to rebuild the fedcration areas of Bosnia alone. Mr Bildt has suggested contritween the EU, the United

The idea is to reconstruct towns and villages in Bosnia, not only to physically rebuild houses, factories, roads and bridges but to bring the communities together again. "We are not just dealing with reconstruction in a physical sense, hut a human sense," said Edward Kronenberg, the Dutch official overseeing the EU policy.

Refugees are to have the automatic "right of return". this heing an element of the peace deal and a condition of the Europeans' rehuilding programme, Another condition imposed by the Europeans for rehuilding is that the authorities in Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia co-operate with the war crimes tribunal, comply with strict human rights requirements and allow international observers.

The rebuilders talk of "healing" and "reconciliation", as if bricks and mortar might somehow wipe away the gruesome events of the war. But, even in Brussels, the rehuilders know that the problems they face are immense.

Plans cannot be laid to reconstruct Serb-held areas until it is clear that Muslims who left may return. It is unclear whether aid money will be used to rehuild villages in Krajina, butions ought to be split be- both those deserted by Croats in 1991 and those razed by States and the rest of the world. Croats after the Serbs fled.



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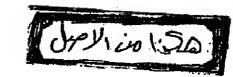
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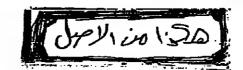
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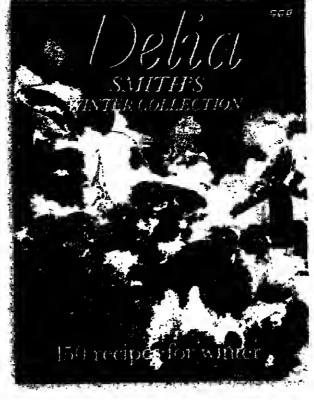
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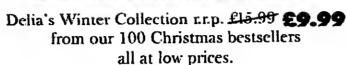
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Papandreou's progress: Nation waits anxiously as hopes rise for recovery from pneumonia and Pasok dissidents remain silent



# Heirs gather to fight for Greek succession

ANDREW GUMBEL

Three days after the frail and ageing Andreas Papandreou was rushed to hospital to be treated for pneumonia, doctors and close confidents said yesterday they were cautiously optimistic that he would pull through even though he was still in intensive care and struggling to wean himself off an artificial

respirator.
With the whole country anxiously following the Prime Minister's progress, every kind of rumour has swirled around Athens about the state of his health and the possible political consequences of his inca-pacitation or demise. But yesterday his aides were busy discussing contingency plans for nothing more serious than a long convalescence.

I would bet that the old lion will make it," said a senior member of Mr Papandreou's

entourage. Official bulletins, although short on hard information, registered a steady improvement in the 76-year-old premier's condition, and officials at the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Centre said

ter could be off the respirator and back home within a week

Even if he does pull through, however, Mr Papandreou's political future looks to be in grave doubt. Even before this latest emergency, he was so frail he could not work for more than a few hours a day and avoided all but the most important public functions. He underwent a triple heart bypass operation in 1988, and since then has grown ever

however, much of Pasok has been in open revolt over the Prime Minister's refusal to face up to his own physical frailty, and over the increasingly prominent political role played by his wife, Mimi. Before his hospitalisation, a powerful group of dissidents led by former minislers Vasso Papandreou, Theo-doros Pangalos and Costas Simitis appeared to be making rapid progress in their campaign to democratise Pasok.

Even if he does pull through, his political future is in doubt

more wizened and slow. Ten days ago at a parliamentary meeting of his party Pasok, he barely had the strength to turn the pages of

Such is the power of Mr Pa-pandreou's personality and the autocratic nature of his leadership that pressure for him to step down, or at least make provision for his succession, was for a long time articulated only by a handful of senior party dissidents too prominent to risk serious punishment.

That campaign is on ice. Mr Papandreon is a national hero and for now he is above criticism. When the leading dissi-dents visited Mr Papandreou at his bedside on Monday night they were jeered by a crowd of well-wishers standing ontside the hospital. None of them has

uttered as a word in public since. The government, meanwhile, remains in the hands of Mr Papandreou's inner circle. Aides insist that the Prime Minister is still in charge even though he

can only communicate through hand gestures and writing. It is more likely that the crisis is being managed by two close col-leagues: Akis Tsochadzopoulos, the Interior Minister, who is the constitutional deputy for the premier, and Antonis Livanis, Mr Papandreou's Cabinet sec-retary, who has ministerial rank and carries responsibility for the

secret services.

The position of Mr Livanis, who is also close to Mrs Papandreou, is particularly crucial because he has the power to convene the Cabinet at any time. Meanwhile the Foreign Minis ter, Karolos Papoulias, is expected to represent Greece at a meeting of Mediterranean leaders in Barcelona next month, and President Costis Stephanopoulos will probably attend the EU summit in Madrid.

The loyalists will no doubt keep the dissidents in check as long as Mr Papandreou is convalescing. But their grip is unlikely to last forever. If Mr Papandreou makes a full re-covery, he can expect to face his critics all over again. If he remains too weak to carry on or dies, the struggle for succession will he more emotionally charged hut no less vicious.

# Vision of fun is blurred by bouncers

Why do foreigners in Japan get so wound up? This, after all, is the most crime-free country in the industrialised world. The streets are clean. The trains alodd typhoon and a few sticky weeks in the summer, the climate is mild and predictable. So why does it provoke the kind of trustrated loathing usually reserved for third-world dictatorships? Complaining about Japan (the expense, the language, the bureaucracy) makes up a good 50 per cent of expatriate conversations. There are even clinics for foreigners suf-

fering from culture shock. The other day I began to understand why. My particular epiphany was unexpected because it occurred at what should have been a jolly occasion. Blur, the reigning princes of British pop music, were playing in Tokyo, and I had tickets. "Bra", as they are called here, are big in Japan, and images of the band



Day Mon: Fined for stepping

and their lead singer Damon ("Day Mon") Albam were plastered over my local record shop. In capital spirits, my friend and I took the subway to the opening concert at Budokan hall.

The Budokan is the country's most famous concert venue and the location of some of the most solemn state occasions. I was here in August for the 50th anniversary ceremony of the end of the war. Unsmiling men with heavy hulges in their jackets had scrutinised our IDs. But the security extended to the Emperor was nothing to that en-

Steel barriers funnelled the crowd to the doors, scrutinised by megaphone-wielding stewards. "Unauthorised objects must not be brought into the hall," they warned. Inside, more officials bustled us to our seats in the back row of the upper circle behind a pillar. Even the front row was 10 yards from the stage. Patrolling this fenced-off no-man's-land were more of the fellows in suits. They were everywhere: crouching in the aisles to mop up anyone foolish enough to move out of their scars, inspecting the tickets of anything that moved.

The band bounced on and the entertainment began. My mate and I quickly ahandoned our perch at the back, but no sooner had we found a vacant ways run on time. You never space lower down than the storm have to tip and, apart from the troopers were onto us, escorting us back up again.

For the rest of the evening we played cat and mouse in a sin ple effort to see the band. During one evasive action, we saw one of the suited Gestapo catch a transgressor. She was a schoolgirl, and she had been caught in possession of one of the unauthorised objects we had been warned about. The tone of the man who was barking at her suggested that this must he something serious: a knife perhaps, drugs? No. The object was a small disposable camera. "It's the first time, so we'll let you off." the guard told her. "I have committed a rudeness, I have committed a rudeness," said the girl, bowing repeatedly. She re-entered the auditorium, tears rolling down her cheeks.

On stage the sprightly Day Mon was also about to make a hig mistake. "Ye-e-e-es, They're stereotypes, There must be more to life," he sang. clambering off the stage and towards the crowd. "All your life you're dreaming/Then you stop dreaming," he went on, offering the microphone to the front row. In an instant, eight security guards were on top of him, bundling him hack on to the stage. Later he threw his hat into the audience. A hand shot up and caught it. The hand belonged to another steward.

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they gave too many encores.

Bra wanted to have a good time. The girl with the camera wanted to have a good time. certainly wanted to have a good time. What was stopping us? Japan, more than any other country, attracts conspiracy theories. The conformity and homogeneity, the rules and bureaucracy, you will hear, are all part of a plot orchestrated by the Liberal Democratic Party-/Ministry of Finance/Bank of Japan to keep the populace un-der its thumb. A book pub-lished earlier this year seriously claimed that the reason cash-dispensing machines close so early

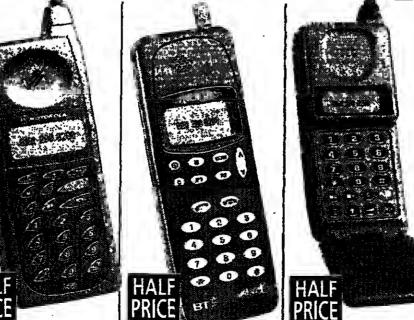
in Japan (mid-afternoon at weekends) is to discourage peo-ple from spending, thus pro-moting savings and fuelling economic expansion with a ready supply of cheap money. Such academic paranoia is easy to pooh-pooh. But in the Budokan I felt for the first time the presence of some great impersonal killjoy force, singularty devoted to snuffing out fun.

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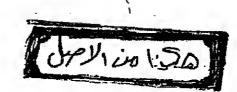
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National shutdown: Unions challenge social security reforms

# Public sector strike tests Chirac's resolve

MARY DEJEVSKY

France today faces a nationwide shut-down of public services and transport as six of the country's seven major trade unions stage a 24-hour strike against government plans to reform the health and social security system. The strike comes three days after a national student protest brought more than 100,000 on to the streets and conjures up visions of a winter of discontent that could sorely test the resolve of President Jacques Chirac.

Early yesterday evening, air, sea and rail transport was already winding down across France. Today, no more than 20 per cent of services are guaranteed. Schools, hospitals, benefit offices, town halls, gas and electricity boards will all be affected, if not shut down altogether. There will be no national newspapers.

The strike was called last week after the Prime Minister. Alain Juppe, set out sweeping measures to overhaul the social security system, including a new tax designed to pay off the system's accumulated deht and an end to some of the fiscal advantages enjoyed by public sector employees.

Althnugh trade union memhership in France is low by European standards, it is high in the public sector, and most firrecasts suggested that today's strike would be well supported.

Wnrkers, whether unionised or not, see their right to a full pension after 37.5 years (compared with 40 years in the private sector) and certain tax

cutting plan expected to reduce branch lines, and staff. Hospitals face spending limits; the airlines want productivity improvements. All face a pay freeze in 1996. The social security reforms are the final straw.

Union leaders have their own reason to fear the reforms. They currently sit nn the jnint coun-- with employers' and

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Nine of 12 London-Paris Eurostar trains are expected to run and 10 in the return direction. Although cross-Channel ferries could be disrupted; those operated by British companies should be unaffected. The Shuttle is unaffected, but there will be no Motorail services. Air France says long-haul flights will operate normally, but only 20 per cent of short-haul flights can be guaranteed. The internal Air Inter flights are expected to be badly hit. Disruption on the high-speed train network will be extensive. In Paris, only 20 per cent of tube trains and buses are expected to run.

advantages threatened. Because doctors' representatives - which average pay in the public sector is low, they fear that their living standards will be disproportionately affected by a new tax designed to pay off the social security system's debt as well as by the taxation of benefits.

Almost every branch of the public sector also has its own grievance. Railway workers are awaiting details of a deficit-

supported the strike, and 64 per cent would support a general All these considerations argue fir a strong turn-out today, hut it may not be sustainable. Private sector employees and small business resent what many see as feather-bedding in

system, extends well beyond the public sector. An opinion

poll published yesterday found

that 54 per cent of those asked

the public sector. Moreover, the unions themselves are divided. The second largest union, the FO (Force Ouvrière), which supported the public sector strike nn 10 October, is not taking part in today's action, having called its own strike for next Tuesday. And Nicole Notat, the fiery leader of the largest union, the CFDT, is facing a revolt from her executive over her apparent

of Mr Juppé's proposals. The difficulty for President Chirac is to judge how far today's strike is a one-off expression of anger orchestrated by unions worried about their power and supported by a privileged section nf workers, and how far it reflects a deeper - and more dangerous public discontent.

acceptance - initially - of some

# Ex-army boss manoeuvres to succeed Peres

PATRICK COCKBURN Jerusalem

In sharp contrast to the haverings of General Colin Powell, there is seldom any doubt about the political ambitions of former military leaders in Israel. But even Ehud Barak, when he stepped down as chief of staff in 1994, can hardly have expected that in less than a year he would be foreign minister and the man best placed to succeed Shimon Peres as prime

The speed of his rise has been accelerated by the assassination of Yitzhak Rahin, another former chief of staff, on 4 November. Mr Barak was already interior minister and a rising star in the Labour Party, whose leadership has been held alternately by Mr Rahin and Mr Peres since 1974. After the murder, Mr Peres, 72, decided to strengthen his government by appointing the general, aged 53, to a top post. The defence ministry was ruled out, probably because it would have given him too much power.

In three years as Israel's top general Mr Barak enjoyed automatic respect from the media. but this popularity may not last. Raised on a kibbutz and with a degree in systems analysis from Stanford, California, he has the jaunty self-confidence born of a successful 35-year military career. His political abilities remain largely unknown although observers have long noted his determination to be prime minister. Peace talks with the Pales-

tinians will remain in the hands of Mr Peres and Yossi Beilin, 47, the cabinet's leading dove and architect of the Oslo agreement, who joins the prime minister's office. The insignificance of his last job as minister of economic planning was underlined by the fact that the ministry was abolished on his departure.

Into Mr Barak's old job at the interior ministry, which he held only for a few months, goes Haim Ramon, 44, the other contender for the Labour succession. His career has been badly damaged by Rabin's death. Just as Mr Barak will be the candidate of the right of the party, Mr Ramon will seek support from the centre and left. He has, indeed, only just returned to the party after being expelled when he ran successfully against the official candidate to take over the Histadrut trade union

Mr Ramon, who comes from a poor background in Jaffa, was a successful lawyer before he be-came a politician as a protegé of Mr Peres. He switched to Rabin in the leadership battle on the grounds that only he could win power from Likud in 1992. It is not something Mr Peres is likely to furget. On Tuesday, when Mr Peres read out his new cahinet list, he inadvertently omitted Mr Ramon's name. When this was pointed out, he clapped his hand to his head in surprise and said: "Oh. Haim Ramon, of course." Mr Ramon are now on the right.





Rising star: Former chief of staff Ehud Barak (top) is tipped to succeed Shimon Peres (below)

laughed but may be worried that the Freudian slip suggests hostility on the part of Mr Peres.

The message coming out of the formation of the new cabi-net is that Israeli politics is back to normal after the shock of the assassination. The Labour Party may regret Mr Peres did not take the apportunity to hold an election, which would have turned on accusations of rightwing responsibility for the verbal violence that preceded Rabin's murder. Already the right-wing Likud under Binyamin Netanyahu has regained self-confidence.

Mr Peres has also spent time cultivating the religious parties. Meretz, Labour's left-wing partner in the coalition, said it was being given a veto power over further army redeployment on the West Bank. Mr Beilin denied this, saying: "We will not give anyone veto over the permanent agreement - over an agreement with Syria nr the

Mr Peres appears to hanker after Labour's old alliance with the religinus parties, which kept it in power until 1977. But it is unlikely to be revived. Mr Peres did appoint one rahbi, Yehuda Amital, as minister without portfolio, but his failure to win election to the Knesset shows that almost all religious Israelis



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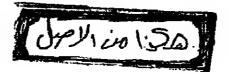


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# 'If it's quiet here, it's the silence of the grave'

Tyranny in Nigeria: Promises of democracy still ring hollow and Ken Saro-Wiwa will not be the last victim

DAVID ORR

A pile of freshly printed posters lies in the hall of the Civil Liberties Organisation in Lagos. Under the heading "Why are these people being detained?" are pictures of six prominent civil rights activists: Abdul Oroh, the organisation's director; Dr Bcko Ransome-Kuti, Shehu Sani and Sylvester Odion-Akhaine of the Campaign for Democracy; Chima Ubani of Democratic Alternative; and Dr Tunji Abayomi, chairman of Human Rights Africa.

All six men were detained this year under a decree of the military regime and have not been seen since. Dr Ransome-Kuti is the only one to have been charged. He has been sentenced by a military tribunal to 15 years for possession of in-formation about an alleged coup plot earlier this year which few Nigerians believe existed. The other men are held

#### General outraged

Abuja (AP) - General Abacha expressed outrage at the two year Commonwealth deadline for a return to civilian rule. Nigeria should not "allow ourselves to be : dictated to by outsiders who know very little about us", he told a conference attended traditional chiefs.

without charge, no one knows where, and have been allowed no access to lawvers, Beneath the six pictures is an ominous black square with the caption, 'Several others".

The sham trial and recent execution of the writer Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other minority rights campaigners is the most flagrant and visible abuse of hu-man rights in Nigeria. Their fate demonstrated the contempt with which the military government regards civil rights in a country that was until not so long ago considered one of the most advanced in Africa. Civil rights activists hope the death of Saro-Wiwa will at least focus world attention on the crisis

gripping Nigeria. Rights have been steadily eroded during the last dozen years of military rule. Under a decree of 1984, people may he held without charge for refect indefinitely. To this power, demonstration against the known as Decree Two, the regime has resorted more and

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two years ago, says Tunde Olug-boji of the Lagos-based Con-stitutional Rights Project (CRP). "There are now hundreds of people being held in detention without charge. There is no category of Niger-ian exempt from the decree."

Those held include rights campaigners, students, union leaders and democracy activists. The numbers can suddenly rise, as they did last year when an oil strike was hrutally crushed and its organisers arrested.

Mr Olugboji fears he could be taken in at any time. He carries a minimum of campaign documents. Meetings are held at secret locations. Since the execution of Saro-Wiwa, the CRP has received more intimidating telephone calls than usual. It has heen judged prudent to move the more sensitive files out of

The Abacha regime is an extremely repressive one and becoming more so all the time," says Ayo Obe, a lawyer with the Civil Liberties Organisation.
"You can't tell where or when the hammer is next going to fall. In that sense the criteria under which people are arrested, detained or prevented from travelling abroad are arbitrary. Having a high profile, as was seen with the case of Ken Saro-Wiwa, is no guarantee of security," Mrs Obe says.

In this regard, the military government has been remarkahly successful: most political opposition has been suppressed or bought out. Chief Moshood Abiola, the man widely believed to have won the annulled 1993 election, is still in

jail facing a charge of treason. Only a few voices dare speak out. One is Gani Fawehinmi, a lawyer and founder of the National Conscience Party, His offices were attacked last year and he has been detained so many times that he always keeps a packed bag at his side. In it are a change of clothes, toothbrush and soap. But no shoes or book, though he likes to read:

they are not allowed in prison.
"I'm not optimistic about the future." he says. "Abacha's programme for transition to civil rule in three years is a ruse. He has no intention of handing

over power."
Only two demonstrations have been mounted in Lagos following the Saro-Wiwa execution. Most people are too frightened. The memory of July 1993 is still fresh: 150 protestregime of General Abacha's predecessor, General Ibrahim Babangida, who annulled the June 1993 election. It was Gen eral Sani Abacha took power Abacha, as Minister of

Defence, who gave the order to

"If it's quiet here, it's the silence of the grave," says the Campaign for Democracy's Frederick Fasheun, sitting in the house of his colleague, Dr Ran-some-Kuti, of whom he has not had word since he was sentenced to 15 years in jail. "This

of law, it is a police state." Nigeria retains a vihrant press, but journalists live in the knowledge that they too can be arrested at any time. Four reporters are serving 15-year jail terms for sedition.

is not a country under the rule

Nigeria has been under military rule for more than 25 of e past 35 years. A succession of soldiers have dishonoured their promises to hand over to civil rule. The only one who stood down voluntarily, General Olusegum Obasanjo, is one of 40 alleged coup plotters facing long prison sentences. That 15 of them were spared execution by General Abacha on 1 October was seen as a reason for hope. But expressions of hope are no longer widely voiced



The word from above: Nigerians listening to a broadcast by General Abacha on a street corner in Lagos

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INBRIEF Spanish MPs deny ex-minister immunity

Madrid - Spanish MPs voted overwhelmingly yesterday to lift the parliamentary immunity of Jose Barrionuevo, a former interior minister implicated in covert anti-terrorist operations, clearing the way for him to be interrogated as a suspect by the Supreme Court, writes Elizabeth Nash. It removes the last plank from a barriogate of political obstacles that the Socialist government had barricade of political obstacles that the Socialist government had piled up to protect Mr Barrionuevo, who stepped down as minister in 1988 hut remains an MP, from prosecution.

#### Egyptian fundamentalists jailed

Haekstep - An Egyptian military court sentenced 54 members of the influential Muslim Brotherhood to at least three years in jail. The court also ordered the brotherhood's headquarters in central Cairo closed.

#### The Pope condemns Mafia violence

Palermo - The Pope launched a broadside against the Mafia, us-ing a visit to their stronghold of Sicily to demand an end to killing. But even as he spoke, the son-in-law of a local Mafia boss was shot dead in a fish market in the eastern city of

#### Burma rebel leader calls it a day

Homong - After a year of unprecedented pressure, including attacks by units of the Burmese army, fighting with rival ethnic groups and the United States-engineered arrests in Thailand of some of his top lieutenants, Khun Sa, one of the world's most notorious drug lords, says he is stepping down as head of the Shan eth-nic rebel group in Burma to raise chickens and grow vegetables

#### Canada declares war on the gun

Toronto - Parliament in Ottawa passed a sweeping gun-control law requiring registration of all 7 million firearms in Canada. The Prime Minister, Jean Chrétien, said he was proud that the move had "given us a personality different from the people to the south of us".

#### Trial of Berlin hardliners gets go-ahead

Berlin - The trial of East Germany's last hardline Communist leaders, which has been close to collapse because of a shortage of judges, will proceed without any reserve justices. The trial judge, judges, will proceed a defence motion to suspend the trial of the Josef Hoch, rejected a defence motion to suspend the trial of the last Communist radical to rule East Germany, Egon Krenz, and five former Politburo members for shootings of people attempting to escape to the West over the Berlin wall and at other border

#### Angry Sihanouk heads for China

Phnom Penh –King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia, outraged over the jailing of his half-brother, Prince Norodom Sirivudh, for allegedly being involved in a plot to kill Hun Sen, one of the nation's two co-premiers, will leave for China today. An official said the king was a server because he had been promised King Siriandh the king was angry because he had been promised King Sirivudh would be kept under house arrest and not sent to prison. AP

## Tears for crocodile caught by winter

Thillisi - The former Soviet republic of Georgia in winter is no place for a crocodile. The reptile, part of one of the main acts m a touring Ukrainian circus, froze to death when the circus was stranded for several days by an availanche that closed a mountain road.

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# Peter Grant

Peter Grant, the manager of Led Zeppelin, perhaps the most successful rock band of all time, was a towering persocality whose dedication to Zeppelin helped make them Seveoties superstars. Jimmy Page and Robert Plant were Zeppelin's front men; behind the scenes Peter Grant was their fearless protector. It was Grant who arranged their deal with Atlantic Records in 1968, theo hailed as one of the biggest in industry history. He oever interfered with their music, but was a "hands-on" manager who travelted the world with his charges to ensure their financial and physical well-being.

Grant was essentiatly the fifth member of Led Zeppelin. While stories of his exploits have become legendary, and he was as much feared as admired. Grant was a warm and goodhumoured man who know well the impression he could make on the cervous and unwary.

More significantly, he was regarded as the most important and influential rock group manager since Brian Epsicin. Grani changed attitudes within the music industry, so that attention was focused oo the needs of the artists, ofteo at the expense of the record companies, tour promoters and ageots - who didn't always appreciate his methods. Grant had seen how early rock pioneers like Gene Vincent and Chuck Berry had been treated and was determined that Led Zeppelin would get their fair share of the profits. As a result, Led Zeppelin became extremely wealthy from the sales of millions of albums and concert tickets during their 12-year reign from 1968 to 1980. Grani often literally went

into hattle for them, whenever they thought they were being ripped off. He had a particular aversion to alhum bootleggers. and was once seen out in the audience at a German Zeppelin concert, snatching the tapes from a hootlegger's machine and tearing them up. A policeman called to the scene, armed with a gun and an Alsatian dog, took one look at Grant's enormous hulk and threatening ex-

pression and walked away. He could be called upon to band too, separating the warring factions of Robert Plant and the drummer John Bonham, or keeping the peace with a bellowed cry of "Shut up and go to sleep!" He was like a fatherfigure to the exuberant youths as they rampaged first class

On one famous occasioo at New Orleans airport n bunch of American sailors were seen giving Page and Plant a hard time, as they jeered at their hippie clothes and loog hair. Grant picked up one of the sailors and demanded: "What's your probtem. Popeye?"
To Grant, the band were al-

ways "the boys"; despite his gruff demeanour he regarded them very much as family. Supporters of the hand were giveo varm and friendly ireatment. Critics were regarded as enemies, to he thrown in the nearest swimming pool.

Most other artists regarded

Grant as the macager they'd most like to have themselves, hut, while he did handle a few acts associated with Zeppelin's Swansoog tabel, Zeppelin were

always his priority.

The rock journalist Chris Charlesworth, who travelled with Zeppelin oo tour, recalls: "People were terrified of him. He rode roughshod over anyone who tried to get in his way and he wasn't scared of anyone, police, promoters or officials. Io America he insisted on putting on his own shows, with the local promoter acting simply as an organiser, so the band got 90 per cent of receipts instead of 60 per cent. Naturally he made a lot of enemies because he was taking power away from the promoters, but he was always scrupu-lously honest with his clieots and he did hattle on their behalf. Grant himself hecame very wealthy, but he was always scruffily dressed with patched elbows on old jackets."

Grant rarely wore a suit and often turoed up in a first class lounge wearing an old T-shirt and a coonskin hat. His gloomy offices in King's Road in London were stocked with secondhand furniture. He said, "I don't need to put on a show, It's all hullshit. The only thing that impresses people is Led Zeppelin's music. I don't need a fancy office.

Despite his gigantic pres-He could be called upon to break up squabbles between the many years), his voice could be quite softly spoken, with a Hitchcockian hint of Cockney. Somehow the soothing politeness of a phone call from "G", policy of no television appeara formidable figure, After neHall, Phil Everly presented

November 1995.

as he was known, only added to the menace. What he most unjoyed was "winding people up". When a nervous advertising man from Melody Maker called to proffer Grant a £500 colour transparency of Zeppelin for use in an "advertorial" Grant seized the picture and set it on

fire with a cigarette lighter. When Zeppelin trashed a Seattle hotel room, Grant had to pay the manager for damages in cash. The manager said: "Td love to be able to do that - just wreck a hotel room and get away with it." Grant took out \$5,000 in dollar hills and said: "Here, have one on me." The manager smashed up the room of his choice. Born in London in 1935, Pe-

ter Grant was raised by his mother in the East End and en-dured considerable poverty. He was evacuated during the Second World War, and left school at 13 for a job as a sheet metal worker. He worked as a Fleet Street messenger before being called up for National Service. He reached the rank of Corporal in the Army, then returned to Civvy Street, where he was employed as a bouncer at the 21s Coffee Bar. Here he met many rising young rock 'a' roll stars, including Mickie Most, who later joined forces with him in business. Grant also fought several houts as an all-in wrestler and had many acting roles in television plays and movies, usually playing a tough

He was lured back to the music business and his physical strength and tough upbringing made him an ideal tour manager when he worked for promoter Don Arden in the early Sixties. He went on the road with Gene Vincent, Little Richard, and Jerry Lee Lewis. He also worked with the Animals and the Yardbirds and was dedicated in his efforts to get the hands paid by promoters, without delay.

When the Yardbirds quit, their guitarist Jimmy Page immediately asked Grant to be his manager for a new venture which became Led Zeppelin. Grant was fully experienced on the American touring scene, unlike most British managers of the time who rarely ventured out of their offices even to visit their artists.



ances or single releases. He developed a mysterious, underground aura about the band, eveo though they were selling out huge coocerts and albums like Led Zeppelin and Led Zeppelin II by the truckload. His policy, often infuriation to record companies who wanted to exploit obvious hits like 'Whole Lotta Love", ensured that the hand were not overexposed, and they remained at the top for a decade. It was Grant who was at their side when they topped the hill at the great festivals, climaxing with their Earl's Court shows in

Knebworth concerts. Zeppelin broke up in the aftermath of John Bonham's death in 1980. In the years following, Grant kept a low profile, often suffering from ill-health and losing much of the

1971, and ending with the 1979

gotiating a solo deal for Robert Plant he gave up management and weot into retirement, living on the south coast, occasional ly receiving rock journalists to regale them with stories of Zeppelin's goldeo days (and then telling them they couldn't print a word of it). There were plans afoot by his fellow entrepreneur Malcolm McLaren to make a film of his life-story, with a script by Barry O'Keefe who wrote The Long Good Friday. hut this had apparently lapsed mto abeyance.

Peter Grant most appreciated the qualities of honesty and loyalty. He was much loved and admired by all who knew the man behind the image. Elvis Presley once berated his hand for not playing well enough in front of "Mr Grant", out in the audience. After a recent:concert by the Everly Grant with a silver cane, and told party guests: "This man made it all possible. Without his

efforts musicians had oo ca-

reers. He was the first to make

sure the artist came first and that we got paid properly." For services to music Grant was inducted into the Roll of Honour at the annual dinner of the International Managers' Forum held at the London

Hilton two months ago. In the summer Grant went to see his old friends Robert Plant and Jimmy Page play a reunion concert at Wembley. Plant paid tribute from the stage to the man who had been their mentor. Without him, there would have been no Led Zeppelin.

Chris Welch

Peter Grant, rock group manag er: born London 5 April 1935. married (one son, one daughter,

451 (1966) alongside Julie

Holroyd, at the Royal Court.

hroke up, Francis returned to

the North and landed the role

of Madame Pratt, an eccentric

medium, in an episode of The

Brothers McGregor. Just as it

seemed the door was opening

on a revived television career,

When her secood marriage

on stage in The Widowing

London.

# Robin Gandy

grand old men in the international community of mathematical logicians. "Old man" is not an expression, however, that sits happily with Gandy, who until his last few months seemed forever youthful, a friend as well as mentor to his endless stream of PhD students. A colourful and complex character who, when I first met him, would arrive at Manchester University in motor-cycle leathers, and later dominate a crowd in the nearest pub with his foghorn voice, plumes of smoke and witty anecdotes, Rohin Gandy had immense intellectual and personal qualities and utter dedication to his

He was born in Peppard, Oxfordshire, where his father, Thomas Gandy, was in general practice. His mother, Ida Gandy, earned a reputation for a sequence of books based on her early life in Wiltshire. Educated at Abbotsholme, a progressive public school, he went on to join that special elite at King's College, Cambridge. In 1940, his graduation year, he met Alan Turing, famed now for breaking the German Enigma code, and in 1944 they started working together at Hanslope Park, in Buckinghamshire, by which time Gandy had become an expert on military radio and His friendship with Turing

continued. In 1946 he returned to King's to take Part III of the Mathematical Tripos with distinction, then began studying for a PhD under Turing's supervision; his successful thesis on the logical foundation of hysics, entitled "On Axiomatc Systems in Mathematics and Theories in Physics" and presented in 1953, can now be seen as a bridge between his early expertise and later career. When Turing died in 1954 he left his mathematical books and papers to Gandy, who between 1950 and 1961 held lectureships in Applied Mathematics at first Leicester, then Leeds. During this period his commitment to logic evolved and he developed a Mathematics-Philosophy course at Leeds, with Martin

In 1961, Gandy moved to Manchester, where the seemingly retiring but extremely as-tute Max Newman had with (now Sir) James Lighthill built up what was then the hest mathematics department in the country. Newman had brought Turing to Manchester, and he selected Gandy to develop logic and start up a Mathematics-Philosophy course.

Now officially a logician, Gandy appointed new staff and invited many visitors from abroad. He was promoted to a chair in 1967, and organised the European summer meeting of the Association for Symbolic Logic in Manchester in 1969, supported as was usual then by Nato funds. Turing had gently chided Gandy in 1940 for his left-wing heliefs; now, ironically, be came to be attacked as right-wing for his support of Nato funding. These were hal-cyon days for mathematical logic, with unexpected connections being made between the principal areas of research. Gandy's own research into functionals of higher types had made him promineot. quite aside from his high motivating

qualities. In 1969 he gave up his chair in Manchester for a readership

Rohin Gandy was one of the for the rest of his life. He was adopted by the young Wolfson College and soon had rooms in the college's fine new building in north Oxford. He occasionally complained about the "tedious heat of heavy metal" from some other room but generally found college life very

congenial.

He was responsible for the Mathematics - Philosophy course, and with John Sheperdson from Bristol brought the British Logic Colloquium into heing Dana Scott was ap-pointed to a new chair of Mathematical Logic in 1972, Michael Dummett succeeded Sir Alfred Ayer to the Wykeham chair of logic in 1979 and Ronald Jensen came to All Souls in 1981. Mathematical logic came into its own in Oxford and Gandy's list of PhD students grew from three to around 30

He retired in 1986 amongst fireworks and full moon at the University of Wales's retreat at Gregynog in Powys, fêted at a conference in his hooour by an international gathering and most of his PhD students. He continued to publish with great vigour, and was a familiar figure at international conferences until shortly before his

He had seemed more fragile receotly, but in earlier years he loved walking the Snowdonian hills, especially his beloved



ndy: work with Turing

on the Portmeirion estate, combing the forests for fungi: one favourite memory is of him perched on top of a wall in his jodhpurs, pipe in hand and turning his craggy face to a redfaced farmer to say. "There is nothing to worry about. I'm used to climbing your walls."

He made a number of appearances on radio and television, especially to reminisce about Alan Turing. When asked about Turing's motives if he really did commit suicide, Gandy would become quite heated: Some things are too deep and private and should not be pried into." Himself, he was much loved and his generosity, tolerance, hospitality, kindliness, good-humour, irreverence, erudition and mouth-watering home-made ice-cream will be sorely missed. He would often chide himself as a "silly old owl", but then the owl is by repute the wisest of hirds.

Mike Yates

Robin Oliver Gandy, mathematical logician; born Peppard, Oxfordshire 22 September 1919; Lecturer in Applied Mathematics, Leicester University 1950-56; Lecturer in Applied Mathematics. Leeds University 1956-61; Senior Lecturer in Mathematical Logic, Manchester University 1961-64, Reader 1964-67, Professor 1967-69; Reader in Mathematical Logic, Oxford University 1969-86; died Oxford 20 November 1995.

## Joan Francis

During its first decade on to Walter Greenhalgh - was British television. Coronation quick to tell Elsie the good news Street created a host of leg- and the pair resumed their endary characters remembered affectionately to this day. Alongside them were others who formed the backbone of a serial that revolutionised the small screen and brought into living rooms for the first time the everyday lives of ordinary folk in a Northero back street.

One such actress was Joan Francis, who played Elsie Tanner's best friend Dot Greenhalgh on and off for nine years. providing the Street's sex siren with a shoulder to cry on - and a partner in crime when it came 10 cotertaining visiting GIs.

The story goes that during the Second World War Dot Todd and the married Elsie Tanner welcomed the servicemen at nearby Burtonwood with open arms. Wheo the GIs returned io 1967, Dot - by then married

wartime liaisons with the Canadian Gregg Flint and the American Steve Tanner respectively.

Elsie ended up marrying

Steve, but Dot's husband threw his wife out on discovering the affair and Elsie took her in. Elsie also found the stylish Dot a joh at Miami Modes, the fashion houtique where she worked, until their friendship soured when Dot let Elsie take the blame for her own theft of dresses. Francis's last scenes in the programme were at the end of a dramatic court case, with Elsie being found not guilty through lack of evidence and Dot leaving the Street for good.

Joan Francis had spent much of her previous 40 years in the husiness before joining the serial, performing in repertory



Francis: life on the Street

theatre, revue, musical comedy and pantomime. Brought up by theatrical parents, T Mostoll Willi and Olive (stage name Williams), Francis often took juvenile parts in their productions. Wheo she was 11, her mother retired from the stage and father became a director of Frank

1929; Freddie Mercury, rock singer,

Fortescue's Northern repertory company. Francis herself joined that company and another run by Harry Hanson, and acted alongside Pat Phoenix. Doris Speed and Peter Adamson, who went on to play Elsie Tanner, Annie Walker and Len Fairclough in Coronation Street. She was directed on stage by Arthur Leslie and Bernard Youens, later to play Jack Walker and Stan Ogden. It was while in rep at the

Theatre Royal, Oldham, during

the Fifties that she met her first husband, the actor Jack Isherwood. Their wedding hrought the streets of Oldham to a halt. Another fellow actor from rep days, Gordon Pleasant, recalls: Wherever she was, she belonged. When we were acting in Blyth, Northumberland, she insisted she was a Geordie, but oo one really knew where she was from." For years, she played

Cinderella in pantomime for she was in the film Fahrenheit After appearing on television Christie. In 1968 she appeared

in the Granada crime series Shadow Sauad, Francis auditioned for the role of Elsie Tanner when Coronation Street was launched in December 1960 but lost out to Pat Phoenix. Like Peter Adamson and others who failed at their first attempt, Francis took another role the following year as the programme established itself. She acted on and off for 83

good friends with Phoenix and Adamson - the best man at her second wedding, to the actor Geoffrey Reed, who appeared in Granada's series The Villains. After the Street, Francis and Reed formed a repertory company on the Isle of Wight and

episodes until 1969 and was

ran puhs together. Her other television appearances included Z-Cars and Sofily Sofily, and she was forced to retire through ill-health in 1988. Her sister, the variety actress Iris Sadler, appeared in the Granada Television sitcom Nearest and Dearest.

**Anthony Hayward** 

Joan Frances Willi (Joan Francis), actress: born 1 April 1920; married lack Isherwood (one son; marriage dissolved), Geoffrey Reed (marriage dissolved); died in Mathematical Logic at Ox-Manchester 22 November 1995. ford, where he was to he hased

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Gray's Inn

## Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

BROWN: On 19 November 1995, to Sarah (née Russell) and Mark, a daughter Saskia Isla Rose, a sister for David, Freya and India.

DEATHS

SAALFELD: Werner, aged 80, on 18 November at home, in Fetcham. SAALFELD: Werner, aged 80. on 16 November at home, in Fetcham. Leatherhead, Surrey, peacefully in his sleep after a long illness, borne with great fortitude. He was much loved, especially by his wives Hilde (died 1972) and Maureen, sister Ilse, daughter Berbara, son Michael and their partners, stepchildren Fiona, Timothy, Julian and Rachel, grandson Daniel, granddaughters Laura and Rebecca, and stepgranddaughter Roisin. For many years Head of German at the former Glyn Grammar School and Head of Languages, Epsom Adult Education, Family funeral was held on 23 November. Donations if wished in his memory, to Oxfam (c/o Andy McDonald, Oxfam, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2, 7DZ) or Sbeller (c/o Donations Office, Sheher, 88 Old Street, London ECIV 9HU).

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Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regimes mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse General Hars; [et Battallon Soos Guards mounts the Pucen - General, at Beachingham Paince, 11 Juan and provided by the Grenadage Guards.

## Birthdays

Mr David Blakey, Chief Constable, West Mercia, 52; Mr Ian Botham, cricketer, 40; Mr Lynn Chadwick, scuiptor, 81; Mr Willy Claes, former Secretary-Geogral of Nato, 57; Mr Billy Connolly, comedian, 53; Miss Beryl Cooper QC, a Recorder of the Crown Court, 68: Mr Geoffrey Col-terell, author, 76; Mr Patric Dickinson, Richmond Herald of Arms, 45; Miss Elisabeth Fisher, circuit judge, 51; Miss Geraldine Fitzgerald, actress, 82; Miss Susan Gilmore, actress, 41; Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, 75; Miss Sue Higginson, head of the Royal National Theatre Studio, 52; Mr David Kossoff, actor, 76; General Sir Richard Lawson, former Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces,

Northern Europe, 68; Mr William Michie MP, 60; Professor Sir Claus Moser, Chancellor, Keele Universi-ty, 73; Mr Charles Osborne, author, 68: Mr Graham Price, rugby player, 44: Miss Vivico Saunders, golfer, 49: The Right Rev Frederick Temple, Honorary Assistant Bishop, Bristol, 79; Mr Paul Thorburn, rugby play-er, 33; Mr Robin Williamson, rock musician, 52.

Anniversaries Births: Laurence Sterne, novelist. 1713; Grace Horsley Darling, hero-ine of the wreck of the Forfarshire, 1815; Frances Eliza Hodgson Buroert, author, 1849; Karl August Heymann, pianist and composer, 1852; Henri-Marie-Raymond de Tonlouse-Lautree, painter, 1864; Scott Joplin, ragtime pianist and composer, 1868. Deaths: John Knox, religious reformer, 1572; William Lamb, second Viscount Melbourne, statesman. 1848; Sir Henry Havelock, soldier, 1857; Edward Robert Bulwer Lytton, first Earl of Lytlon ("Owen Meredith"), diplomat and poet, 1891; Robert Enskine Childers, novelist and Irish nationalist. executed 1922;

1991. On this day: the River Thames froze over, 1434; the English Parliament decided that clergy were per-mitted to marry, 1548; Van Diemeo's Land (Tasmania) was discovered by Abel Tasman, 1642; a frost fair was held on the frozen River Thames, 1715; Darwin's Origin of Species was published, 1859; the Smithfield meal narket was opened in London, 1868; the British iroo and steel industries were nationalised, 1949; Lee Harvey Oswald was shot while in police custody by Jack Ruby, 1963; io Czechoslovakia, the Communist party leader and polithuro resigned, as Alexander Dubcek returned 10 Prague, 1989. Today is the Feast Day of Sr Chrysogonus, St Colman of Cloyne and Saints Flora and Mary.

#### Lectures

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Wilight (iv): Bonnard, L'Indoienie", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Augela

Cox, "Victorian Taste in Painting (i)", Tate Gallery: Edward Chaney, "Ini-go Jones and the Second Earl of

Arundel: a creative partnership",

British Museum: Rowena Loverance, Merovingian Art and Architec-Orford University (Herbert Spencer Lecture, Zoology/Psychology Building): Dr Germaine Greer, "Victims No Longer: feminism and the reform of the criminal law", 5pm.

Luncheons Board of Deputies of British Jews Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of honour at a luncheoo given by the Board of Deputies of British Jews yesterday at the King David Suite, Great Cumberland Place. London

Wt. Dr and Mrs Nasser D. Khalili were the hosts. Mr Eldred Tabach-nik QC, President, presided.

#### Dinners

Air Force Board Mr James Arbuthnor MP, Minister for Defence Procuremeot and Air Chief Marshal Str Michael Graydon Chief of the Air Staff, hosted an Air Force Board dinner held yesterday evening at Admiralty House, London SW1.

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, hosted a dinner held yesterday evening on-board the flagship HMS Victory, at Portsmouth Navol Base.

#### Sandford St Martin Trust

Mr Terry Waite presented the Sand-ford St Martin Trust Awards, for oustanding religious programmes oo television in the past two years, at a reception and luncheoo held yes-terday at Lambeth Palace, London SEI, by permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev George Cares. The Years Rev. Michael Carey. The Very Rev Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster and Chairman of the Trustees, received the guests. Sir Denis Forman was the Chair of the Judges.

#### Royal Academy of Engineering

The following chartered engineers have been awarded Management Fellowships by the Royal Academy of Engineering to study for the de-gree of MBA at International Busies Schools: Mr E.J. Hodnett: Mr TM. Hughes; Mr TG. Relly; Mr C.F. Miles, Mr P.J. O'Boyle; Mr M.E.R. Poole: Mr G.D. Pugh: Mr C. Shah; Mis. 2. Ubbi; Miss R.A. Walkden; Mr G.J. Paters Mr G.H. Wand

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# news analysis

# Singapore Inc: a tough little nation

Nick Leeson finally goes on trial today. It is not only his future that's at stake, but also Singapore's very reputation as a country with which the world likes to do business, writes Stephen Vines

When Nick Leeson, the rogue futures trader, enters Sin-gapore's Subordinate Court Number 24 this morning he will find himself in fairly familiar surroundings. There is a distinctly British feel ahout the courts. Indeed, much of the Singaporean legal system is superficially

The lawyers hustle about in wigs and black gowns, which look a lot neater and cleaner than the musty garb of the Old Bailey. The language of the courts is English, the forms of address are British and many of the laws are drawn from the British statute books.

Yet the similarities unly serve to underline the differences. Trial by jury was steadily eroded from 1960 and finally abolished in 1969. A Singaporean court reporter recently explained the reason, "We've got some clever chaps here," he said, "It was all too easy for them to sway a jury."

Habeas corpus, the concept of preventing detention without just cause, has been considerably eroded in Singapore, although the constitution makes clear that unlawful detention is not allowed. Yet Singapore's most famous political prisoner, Chia Thye Poh, was detained for 22 vears without ever being charged or tried. He was released in 1989 and confined to the tiny island of Sentosa, where he remains,

Neither is Singapore reticent in using the draconian powers of the Internal Security Act, inherited from the British, as a means of combating alleged subversion. In 1987 a group of so-called Marxist plotters were rounded up and thrown in jail allegedly for attempting to overthrow the government. What linked the 22 people arrested was the social work they were doing on behalf of foreign domestic workers.

Despite these chilling exercises of legal power, Singapore does not have a reputation as a society of arbitrary justice. On the contrary, foreign investors flock to this tiny island state because they admire its stability and rule of law. Singapore's government has gone out of its way to present a squeaky-clean image. This image is self-consciously on display during elec-tions when the leaders of the ruling People's Action Party clad themselves in simple white shirts

The policies of the government are tough and the laws of the land are tough because that's the way Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's grand old man, likes it. Even thnugh be is now supposedly taking a back seat as the "Senior Minister", Mr Lee's fears and hopes remain the guiding furce of

the nation. Under Mr Lee's leadership Singapore has become one of the most economically successful countries in the world. Its unique blend of capitalism and state control has produced a gardencity environment and a standard of living unimaginable two

decades ago. Lee Kuan Yew fears that all these material gains will disappear if the controls are eased. We got one little island - 600

has managed to maintain this aura of confidence around the island by an emphasis on law and order and stability. It was not surprising, then,

that the authorities were almost apoplectic with rage when they discovered that the unlawful trading which triggered the col-lapse of Barings had taken place within Singapore's borders. The trial of Nick Leeson has

therefore become something more than a simple criminal matter. It is seen as an opportunity to show the world that Singapore has not lost its grip, that it is at least as good as anywhere else at handling such matters, that rules will be enforced, that malpractice will not be tolerated.

of an impressive mohilisation of

alleged irregularities in his party's accounts, for which he was fined a sum sufficient to ensure The trial marks the conclusion automatic disqualification from parliament. He was then disqualified from practising law. After years of trying to overturo this ruling he was vindicated by a Privy Council ruling in 1988. The following year Singapore ended the right of appeal to the

Privy Council. As for Mr Jeyaretnam, he was then hit with a slander suit hrought by Lee Kuan Yew. Mr Lee won the case. Indeed he has won every case he has brought to court, including a record-hreaking libel action, earlier this year,

against the International Herald

employed against those who do

not obey the rules and, in even sharper form, to those who chal-

The instinctively authoritar-

ian ruling party has little time for oppnisition. The law is the weapon of choice for silencing

critics; they are rarely silenced by

direct political persecution. The

must persistent and nutspoken critic of the government was the

former leader of the Workers

Party, JB Jeyaretnam. In 1981 he

was the sole opposition member

of parliament. His parliamen-

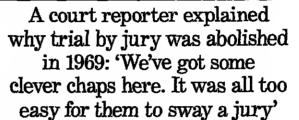
tary career was dogged by legal action against him.

First he was charged with

lenge the validity of the rules.

The Singaporean government reacts with anger and threats of legal action against anyone who dares question the independence of the judiciary. However, it is most unlikely that members of the judiciary come up against any kind of direct pressure from the government. There is no need. They know what is expected of them, as do most Singaporeans who have absorbed the many government campaigns to make them better citizens and, as one campaign put it, to "share com-

Yet proportionately more Singaporeans leave their country for a new life overseas than Hong Kong people living with the prospect of Chinese rule in less than two years' time. This is seen as the only solution for those who perhaps do not share "common values", do not wish to conform and are not so fearful of landing on the hard concrete Mr Lee believes surrounds the world out-



square kilometres," he told the 1981 National Day rally in a typical tour de force speech. "You unwind this, you will not drop on soft paddy fields, it is hard, hard concrete, your bones are broken and it's kaput.

To prevent everyone going kaput, stern punishment is meted out to those who break the law. The thud of the executioner's trap door can be heard almost every Friday at Changai Jail where those convicted of murder, drugrunning and some eight other crimes are hanged. Canings of vandals, rapists and other offend-ers, including househreakers, are

With no natural resources and very little land space, the government has sought to establish Singapore as an international financial and service centre. Multinational companies have flocked to Singapore, seeing it as an efficient, crime-free, orderly base from which to conduct business in some of the more unpredictable parts of the region where corruption is rife, law and order duhious, and the water never safe to drink. The government

resources to find out what happened: in this respect Singapore's inspectors appear to have dug deeper than those appointed by the Bank of England.

The Singaporeans are good at sorting things out. A cohesive government machine, working hand in hand with a compliant private sector can produce the sort of results that more libertarian societies find hard to Singapore also has the advan-

tage of having a highly capable Commercial Affairs Department (CAD), a body not dissimilar to the commercial crimes bureaux attached to many police forces. However, in Singapore the CAD is part of the Ministry of Finance, which gives it immediate access to commercial knowledge and information not commonly available to police forces.

Neither are CAD officers simply a bunch of calculator-toting accountants. They have powers of arrest and, according to one sus-pect questioned in their offices, are quite capable of being rough and aggressive. Aggression is part of the Singapore Inc style,

# side orderly Singapore.

A recent MORI\* poll has shown that a lot of people think they've got mortgage protection,

What they probably have got is a life surance policy - which doesn't protect

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Wilkes's Tory colleagues are threatening to rebel against the renewal of the BBC charter in protest at the screening of the Panorama interview by the Princess of Wales. The row over the programme within the BBC has brought to a head Tory grumbles about the BBC, and could lead to a rebellion when the charter is renewed in the next few weeks. My pals are furious that BBC top brass kept the interview secret from their chairman, Marmaduke Hussey.

The draft charter will be published within the next few weeks by Wilkes's favourite nanny, Virginia Bottomley. She will include a definition of taste and decency in the back-up agreement to the charter, opening the way for the

Parliamentary Prude Tendency to demand a ban on all sex on television, including princesses confessing unfaithfulness with Guards officers.

The whole shooting match threatens in become a ghastly BBC-bashing exercise. But the Conservative leadership can only blame itself. After all, it was the chairman of the party, Brian Mawhinney, who first put the boot into the BBC at the party conference.

silence and told her all about the debate on the Queen's Speech. And very dull reading it must have made.

Robert Hughes, a former whip who has also suffered from public

borrowed a copy of the history of

Commons library. Caroline was

accused of running a bordello in

Queen Caroline from the House of

Blackheath, but a Royal Commission

found the charges were trumped up. Mind you, in those days they did

is life at Chequers as drear and

constrained as we have all been led to

believe in recent times? Far from it,

Minister - spurred no doubt by Mrs

Norma Major, hiographer of Joan

Sutherland - holds opera evenings at his official country residence to inject

elements of much-needed grace and

charm to summits with foreign heads

of government. Britain's young

musicians, moreover, have been

getting in on the act. The British Youth Orchestra delighted Jacques

Chirac last month with a programme

of arias from, among others, La Traviata, La Bohème and Les Contes

there were favourites from Eugene

Onegin, Carmen and Rigoletto. It is

d'Hoffman. For Boris Yeltsin last year

Wilkes can reveal. The Prime

disclosures by a woman wronged, has



s: full of apologies

The man with the most unenviable jub in Parliament this week was Andrew Mackay, a Government whip who goes under the glorious title of Lord Commissioner of the Treasury. Mackay had the task of writing to

Her Majesty with quill pen in the aftermath of the Panorama interview to tell the monarch what was going on in the House of Commons.

While Wilkes's great friend Nicholas Soames was making an ass of himself, for which he had to apologise to the PM, for accusing the Princess of being (as one Tory MP put it) "one sandwich short of a picnic". Mackay was stumped for what to say

to the Queen. In the end he kept a discreet now evident that the Majors have finally warmed to the old place. Indeed, a Chequers history is to be published by Norma next year.



Musical historian of Chequers

Harry Greenway, Tory MP for Ealing North, has meanwhile been busying himself on the topic of opera hats - and going to the trouble of putting down a parliamentary question to Tony Newton, Leader of the House, on the lack of adequate numbers of them in the Commons chamber. For the uninitiated, such headgear must be donned when making points of order during a division, to make members distinctive to the chair when colleagues are milling about. There is only one bat kept behind the Speaker's Chair for such purposes leading to what Mr Greenway believes are unseemly scrambles when several MPs are clamouring to be heard. The issue is now to go to the Commons Procedure Committee.

Stephen Pollard, the lefty Fabian Society's director of research, is a strong candidate to take over the directorship of the free-market Social Market Foundation, Wilkes is reliably informed. It was Pollard, of course, who suggested in a paper that Labour should embrace selective education, although the society thought otherwise and declined to publish it. If Pollard gets the job, nothing could better illustrate the blurring of the old distinctions between right and left since he would be replacing Danny Finkelstein, who has become no less than director of research at Conservative Central Office.

Who could credit the meanmindedness of the Ministry of Defence, Wilkes wonders? The ministry is resolutely refusing to replace former servicemen's medals that have been stolen or lost through misadventure, so Jain Duncan Smith, Conservative MP for Chingford, has discovered from a Mr Jack Conn, a pensioner constituent. At about £60 each, Mr Conn cannot afford replacements for his stolen medals, but the MoD remains unmoved in spite of the fact that this is the year we are all commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Mr Conn could not have selected a better champion to fight his cause, since Mr Duncan Smith is an ex-soldier and holder of campaign medals for service in the former Rhodesia and Northern Ireland (his father, Group Capt W Duncan Smith won no fewer than five gallantry medals). The MP is now collecting signatures for a Commons petition to he presented in the next few days.

Donald Thompson is in the habit of sending out july cards at this time of year to remind his friends to vote for him in the elections for the 1922 Committee, which took place yesterday. As usual, Wilkes got his card from Donald, with the message Thompson for the 22" on it, like dozens of his friends. The only problem is that Thompson was so ousy filling out the blasted cards, he failed to put his nomination

Having been to many receptions hosted by Her Majesty the Queen, Wilkes can let a little-known detail slip for those less privileged, who are never invited to join the line to shake hands with the monarch. The Queen wears rubber gloves for the practice. This highly practical precaution was

noticed by those "Down Under" when the Queen hosted a glittering reception for the revellers at the Commonwealth Heads of Government conference in New Zealand. At least, Wilkes believes it was done as a precaution. She surely could not have been expected to wash

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# Ireland must vote for the future

Eamon de Valera, the lowering figure who wrote Ireland's constitutional ban on divorce in 1937, would barely recognise his country today. In only a couple of generations, this land of green fields has become a largely urban society. The Roman Catholic bishops, once the nation's authoritative moral force, are beset by scandals. The birth rate bas fallen below replacement level. And the terri-torial ambitions of Irish nationalism have been discredited by 25 years of IRA vio-lence. The old order is dissolving.

The Irish Republic is a young and dynamic society which now sees itself as European. Old notions of Irishness based on Roman Catholicism, republicanism and twee romanticism are being rethought. It has an increasingly successful economy and a left-wing, feminist President. The country frequently captures the international limelight, be it with poetry (Seamus Heaney is the Nobel Laureate), its football (in the World Cup) or its singing (an embarrassing number of Eurovision

The next step in modernisation comes today when the republic holds a referendum on the introduction of divorce. The need for such a change looks obvious. Most people know someone whose marriage has fallen apart but who cannot remarry within the law. The evidence suggests that marital breakdown is just as prevalent in the republic as north of the border, where divorce is legal. The leaders of the major political parties support the change. Opposition from the weakened Roman Cutholic hierarchy has been more

muted than in the past.
Yet, curiously, the result could go either way today. The reason is fear. People are afraid that change is happening too fast, that Ireland may lose its sense of

self, that it will become just another Western European country

The divorce debate has become the focus of concern about what sort of place Ireland is to become. There is a fear that divorce will undermine the family, a source of stability, support and reassurance in turbulent times. People also worry about land. They are concerned that a divorce law will lead to the breakup of farms between first and second families. The land issue strikes a chord with many people. Loss of land is associated historically with the grinding poverty of earlier centuries. Culturally, a farmer is regarded as having only stewardship over property, which must be passed on intact, hopefully improved, to descendants. To give it up after an expensive divorce is a

nightmarish prospect.

These problems have been exaggerated. The proposed rules of divorce are not easy: a couple would have to demon-strate that they had been separated for at least four of the previous five years and show that there was no chance of a reconciliation. This is not the type of change that would push a couple into the divorce courts: it only addresses relationships that have demonstrably broken down. As for property, the proposals confer no greater rights on second families than they already

In short, today's proposal is merely ask-ing citizens in the republic to bring existing social realities within the law. The danger is, however, that a majority feel more threatened than invigorated by the prospects of the modern world and will vote instead for the comforting nostalgia that de Valera enshrined in his Constitution of

That would be a mistake. It is time to bury de Valera and vote for the future.

# Let students pay - it's only fair

S tudents are taking to the streets again. ance against the risk of default. Meanwhile, Yesterday's protest in London, org-Yesterday's protest in London, organised by the National Union of Students, follows years and years of marching about student hardship. Maintenance grants from the Government continue to be cut. tudent loans are not alw to make up the shortfall once rents are taken into account. The National Union of Students claims that many students are now skipping meals in order to get by.

This is a serious situation, but the answer is not for the Government to give higher grants. It currently pays unition fees for each student as well as providing means tested grants. So students on a three-year course are picking up a subsidy from the taxpayer of at least £2,300 in comparison with their classmates, who left school at 16 or 18 and who get nothing. And that subsidy will help to improve their earning power for the rest of their lives. Both expense and inequity suggest there should be no return to the past.

The Government's policy of making students pay back some of the costs themselves is, in principle, sensible. Students can at present borrow from the Student Loan Company at extremely low interest rates and defer repayment until they are earning more than £15,000. In future, the Government wants to shift the emphasis away from this agency towards the high street banks, by giving the latter subsidies so that they can lend directly to students. Of course, banks will want considerable insursudden and inconvenient demands from banks for higher levels of repayment.

Any form of loan like this raises problems in the way it affects student attitudes. prospect of thousands of pounds of deht hanging around their necks. It makes them less likely to go into relatively low-paid fields such as teaching. And those who come from low-wage families may find that the idea of large debts puts them off university altogether.

One way round these problems would be to change the repayment mechanism. A graduate tax rather than a private loan repayment might be less of a disincentive for teenagers pondering college for the first time. An extra 2 per cent on your future salary, for example, sounds a lot less daunting than starting work with a deht of £10,000 - even if the sums add up in the same way. Using the National Insurance system as a mechanism to collect the money would avoid having to establish a parallel bureaucracy.

The principle is clear. So long as people are not discouraged from low-paid work or from going into higher education at all, students should pay part of the cost themselves. And the savings should go to expand educational opportunities for the 70 per cent of teenagers who never make it to university and who were forgotten in yesterday's march.

## ANOTHER VIEW | Carla Lane

## Victim of a dogmatic law

Dempsey the pitbull has made it. Somewhere in a pitiless law a tiny loophole has appeared, and two learned men set free a dog that had gone out one morning for a walk and ended up in police kennels for almost four years. Her only crime was that she was a pitbull terrier, divested of ber muzzle for a few moments in order that she might be sick.

Somewhere in the Government there sits a group of men from privileged backgrounds, who leapt straight from Eton and Oxbridge into positions of power that gave them the right to make rules and regulations for the ordinary man who worries seriously about what they might call the trivia of life. In their view, dogs come into this category. But to take away a family's dog and incarcerate it in a secret place with no communication - no sightings of the animal which shared the dramas and joys of the household - and to cast the cloud of "destruction" over it, is a calcu-

lated sin against human rights. Most grief-sticken owners are unable to cope with the rigours of court proceedings. They drift through the intellectual jargon, unable to comprehend what has become of them. Then they walk from the court, harmed and for ever hitter.

Of course we must not have dogs attacking children - who would want that? But this law is not about that. It is a determined vendetta to rid our country of all pitbull terriers and lookalikes, so far more than 1,000 dead; 4,000 on "death row", millions of pounds spent on a barbaric law

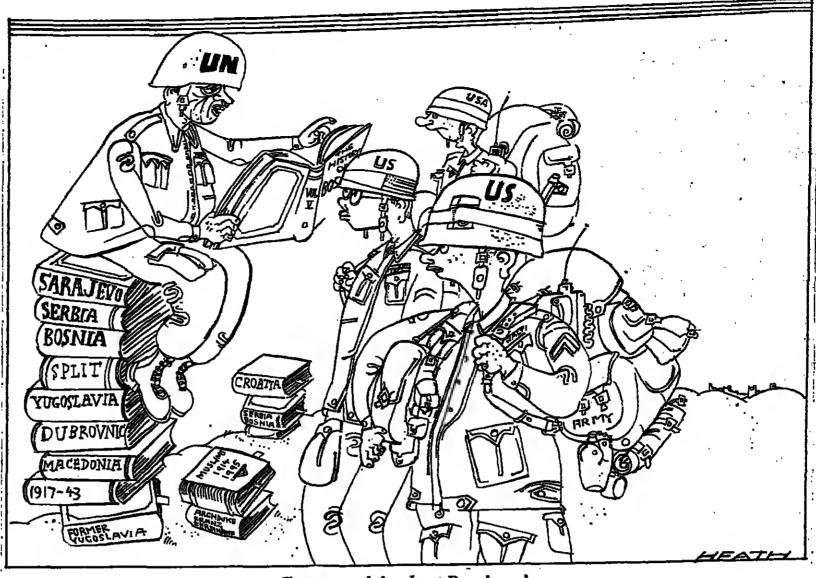
and, in the meantime, responsible dog owners walk in fear while the fighting dog fraternity has gone underground and, in the light of the Government's naive complacency, is having a ball.

We British are no longer passive about the way our animals are treated. Somewhere in the Britannic beart there beats a difference. Perhaps it is because the live export trade, having been abandoned by the hig ferry companies, came out on to the streets and the public's sudden acquaintance with the lorries drove them to look deeper; and the deeper they searched, the more cruel it all became. Now their knowledge is complete and

their passions are on standby. Yesterday in the court, dignified crowds sat and listened as the learned men went over the facts in Dempsey's case. Right up to the last sentence it seemed that the andatory destruction order was inevitable but then, somewhere, a voice said: "A draconian act of this kind could be the first step on the path of dictatorship." We must make our uncaring government

Those of us who fight retentlessly for the peace and dignity of animals will long remember the final words: "May I ask your honour when we might collect Dempsey?" The judge looked at the owner, Dianne Fanneran, and said: "Well - she's your dog."

The writer is a television scriptwriter and campaigner for animal welfare.



Let me explain about Bosnia ...

## • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### Two 'entities' cannot make one peace

From Professor Adrian Hastings Sir: The Bosnian peace agreement is a bad one because it provides is a bad one because it provides international recognition of an "entity" - "Republika Srpska" [the Serb republic in Bosnia] - which can exist only because of the systematic ethnic cleansing of at least half its population over the past four years. Hardly one of its key towns had a Serb majority in its population in 1991. The international community has blessed what has been done when it could just has been done when it could just

as well have reversed it.

That said, two very different scenarios are now possible. In the first. President Slobodan Milo-sevic is rewarded with the immediate ending of sanctions but does nothing to ensure the re-moval of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic from power and nothing is done within "Republika Srpska" to implement the Dayton agreement as a whole. s are able to return to their homes. There is no freedom of movement across the country. Milosevic has already in the past few weeks provided massive military rearmament for the Bosnian Serbs. If Nato allows this to happen, restricting its own operations

'Misguided'

**Asylum Bill** 

to policing a frontier between the two "entities" and not to enforcing the agreement as a whole, then this will surely happen. In which case Bosnians will very justifiably turn their guns on Nato soldiers The alternative scenario is that

Nato enforces the agreement as a whole and not just an internal frontier. Refugees are encour-aged to return to Banja Luka and Zvornik and protected when they do so - this could be begun on a town-by-town basis. If this happens, then the division will matter less and less. In particular the Bosnian government should itself at once encourage the Serbs who fled from western Bosnia three months ago to return to their homes as soon as possible. The more Serbs agree that it is preferable to be in their old homes even though outside Republika Srpska, the more absurd the division Yours faithfully ADRIAN HASTINGS Department of Theology and Religious Studies

University of Leeds Leeds 22 November

From Mr Hugh Murnaghan Sir; While 1 am delighted that there is a prospect of normal life

returning for a great many of the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina, I find myself feeling uncomfortable with the Dayton plan ("Dayton deal holds seeds of own destruction", 23 November). Perhaps I am a cynic but this armears to be am a cynic, but this appears to be the continuation of the policies of moral cowardice so evident over the past four years.

I cannot remember partition being suggested as the best solution in Kirwait, the Falklands or Northern Ireland in the past 25 years. I am convinced, sadly, that the agreement at Dayton is an unjust, bad peace and, thus, is no peace at all. I hope that I am wrong, but I cannot see this as anything other than the defeat of pluralism at the hands of aggressive xenophohia. I can merely hope that the Western powers are g lo act as more than mere midwives for this bastardised creation, so that the ordinary Bosnians, of all religions and none, can have a chance. Yours etc.,

HUGH MURNAGHAN Lancaster

From Mr John S. L. Edwards

Sir. C. B. Moynihan (ex-Parlia-

mentary Under-Secretary of

State for Energy) writes that

The power output of the aver-

age wind turbine is set to double

in the next few years", but he

does not say why. The reason is

that the latest turbine proposals

are for much larger turbines -

there is no magic technological

improvement, nor can there be,

because the output of wind tur-

hines is directly determined by

The wind power industry, hav-

ing gained a few outrageous con-

sents for 300-350 kW turbines

over the hills of Wales, Cornwall,

the Yorkshire Moors, the Lake

District and other beautiful

places, is now trying to exploit

that precedent by massively increasing the size of turbines.

hill above Caerphilly, Mynydd-

islwyn, there is a planning appli-cation by Sir Alfred McAlpine for a "demonstration" 1000 kW

turhine that is as high as a 27-storey building and has a rotor

with a diameter the size of a 20-

storey building. Even if all fur-ther wind power stations were

allowed to use such monstrous

machines, more than 12,000

would still be needed to produce

ust one-tenth of our annual

electricity consumption.

I do not believe the public will

ever accept these thousands of

turbines, visible on every hill from every hill. In principle,

wind power is a good thing and

we support it; hut the only place

where it might be practical in useful amounts is off-shore, well

away from low-lying coasts, in

There are plenty such sites where large groups of turbines could be deptoyed, and this is

where the Government ought to be diverting its huge subsidies. Yours faithfully,

Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales

shallow waters.

IOHN S. L. EDWARDS

Onen, Monmouth

17 November

Vice Chair, Gwent Branch

Here in Gwent, on a beautiful

the swept area of the rotor.

#### But Mr Deva is right when he We will not accept says that this is - or should be monster turbines a debate about "efficiency". For

From Mr Richard Dunstan Sir: Nirj Deva, MP, is quite wrong when he states that "most [asylum] applicants arrive from the troubled countries of Eastern Europe, Romania, Russia, Poland and Yugoslavia" ("Another View; "Fair and firm on immigration", 22 November). In 1995 to date, asylum-seekers from these countries have accounted for a mere 11 per cent of all applications. Nigeria alone has accounted for a greater pro-

portion of applicants. More than 80 per cent of those seeking asylum in the UK are from Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Currently, the principal applicant nationalities are Nigeria, India, Somalia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Algeria. That is why most, if not all, of these countries would eventually be placed on the Home Office's "white list". Because putting countries such as Romania - which accounts for less than 2 per cent of applica-tions – on the "white list" would not make much impact on decision times and the backlog of some 85,000 cases

make the 1993 Act work, that are the root of the wholly undesirable misuse of the asylum process. Falling productivity in the Home Office's Asylum Division, and a severe under-resourcing of the appeals mechanism created in 1993, have resulted in it taking an average of 18 months to process cases. It is these delays and hacklogs that have created the incentive to make an unfounded asylum claim as a means of circumventing immigration controls. The Asylum and Immigration Bill is misguided and unneces-

it is the inefficiencies of the

Home Office, and its failure to

sary. Its implementation would result in a serious diminution of the Government's ability to meet fully its obligations under interna-tional law. What is needed is a substantial improvement in Home Office efficiency, and a proper resourcing of the procedures established by the 1993 Act. Yours faithfully, RICHARO DUNSTAN

Refugee Officer Amnesty International (UK) London, EC1

#### Paean to dirges

From Mr Robert Cooper Sir. Why is Andy Gill so waspisb in his review ("Money can buy you love", 22 November) of the Beatles Anthology and, in particular, the single "Free as a Bird"?

Considering the three surviving Beatles and the record pro-

ing Beatles and the record producer Jeff Lynne were working from little more than a fragment of a John Lennon song, the result is nothing short of miraculous. Given the circumstances, we cannot expect a classic Beatles single, but it has been worth waiting years for. As for the "overal effect being a dirge", this must be good for business, as dirges like Hey Jude" and McCartney's "Mull of Kintyre" are two of the hest-selling singles in popular music history. Yours faithfully, ROBERT COOPER

Charlbury, Oxford

#### Know the way out

From Mr John Ruffle Sir. One way of administering a museum admission charge (Let-ters, 23 November) would be to

make it refundable if visitors, on departure, could correctly answer a few simple questions on the exhibits. This would reward the diligent visitor and provide feedback on the displays. Or would it be condemned as efficiet? Yours faithfully, JOHN RUFFLE

Keeper, The Oriental Museum University of Durham Letters should be addressed to

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#### From Mr Andrew Sheard

Patents that may save lives

Sir: Your contributors to the Oncomouse patent debate (reports, 20 November) seem to miss a couple of fundamental points about the patent system:

1. A patent does not allow any

person to make or use the patented invention. All it does is to enable the patent owner to stop others commercialising the invention. It does not even prevent further research into the invention. It is merely a weapon

against piracy.

2. A patent confers no right of ownership on the patented subject matter, any more than a copyright holder actually owns a book, CD or whatever containing his copyright work.

So the Rev Andrew Linzey's reported concern ("Geneticists lay claim to 'God's creature'", 20 November) that patenting something living "usurps the preroga-tive of God" actually poses rather less of an ethical dilemma than owning a dog. Further, Kevin Watkins, fears

Another View: "Whose property is life?") that big husiness will sit on patent rights to prevent com-mercial exploitation and the alleviation of suffering ignores an moortant point. Even assuming that a company has some reason for trying to suppress an inven-tion that it has patented, our law embodies a safeguard against such dog-in-a-manger patentees by providing compulsory licences to force them to make their invention available to others on reasonable terms (Patents Act

1977, Section 48). Why the resentment about the protection of novel and inventive

advances in technology? Innovation is a delicate plant, and its cultivation, especially in biotechnology, is vastly expensive. Patents give shelter by providing a much needed incentive to innovate. We discourage innovation at our peril, particularly in health-care. Our lives, and our children's lives, may depend on it.

Yours faithfully, A. G. SHEARD Kilburn Strode: European Patenting Attorneys London, WC1 20 November

From Ms Vicki Hird Sir: One of the key issues not covered in the outcry over patenting of life forms ("Government gave animal patents", 21 November) is that of need. In addition to the ethical and moral concerns, surely patents should be considered on the issue of whether we actually sheep, or cows which produce obscene amounts of milk are not needed to feed the world - they are produced by companies wanting to be first in the race to make

money on their "inventions". Smaller producers eventually find their market flooded with the new produce and consumers have little choice but to huy it. Sadly, turning companies' vast R&D investments towards more long-term solutions to major food or medical problems is an unlikely prospect. Yours sincerely, VICKI HIRD

Sustainable Agriculture, Food and Environment Alliance London, SW1 22 November

#### Tips are accepted with gratitude

From Ms Hermione Ainley Sir: While I entirely agree that it is iniquitous for restaurants to mislead customers, no one is obliged to eat in them and those who object to what they have to pay can vote with their feet Restaurants 'should abolish upping' ". 22 November). Like many restaurateurs, we

do not pay a full-time staff a living wage. We rely almost entirely on part-time students to whom we pay a pittance. A service charge is not included, is absolutely discretionary and is not solicited. Tips are most welcome and are accepted with gratitude; I think I can honestly say that non-tippers are given equally friendly service and their decision to leave nothing - based on drunkenness, meanness, principle or wbatever - is greeted with

good humour. However, our students know that the way they treat customers can directly affect the amount they take home, and this increases both incentive and enjoyment.

As a result of this policy, on husy days both we and our staff make money and are happy, while on slack days - not yet a thing of the past - low wages minimise the damage. 1 hope I am right in saying that there are people out there who would wish us to survive. One of the reasons we have lasted 10 years is our clear statement that our prices include VAT but not service.

The Consumers' Association's long-waged campaign against tip-ping is merely an irritant. Legislation would be a sledgehammer to crack a not, and as nots we would not welcome it. Yours faithfully, HERMIONE AINLEY

**Edwards of Crick** Crick, Northamptonshire

#### Persecuted? Yah, rather

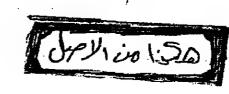
From Mr Barney Prendergast Sir: I enjoyed Mary Braid's arti-cle (20 November) on the suf-ferings of those who speak with regional accents, but there was one glaring omission: no reference to the way innocent speakers of RP (Received Pronunciation) are accused of being "stuck up". "hoity-toity", "snobbish", etc. At 2 per cent of the population, perhaps they are the persecuted minority.
Yours faithfully. BARNEY PRENDERGAST Walton on Thames,

#### When God came to dinner

From The Rev Dr T. Ambrose Sir. Sister Millicent Olga should know better than to describe God as a vegetarian (Letters, 21 November). Abel, the shepherd, was preferred to Cain, the tiller of the soil. And when God came to dinner, Abraham killed the fat-

ted calf (Genesis 18:7). The picture of the Holy Trinity waiting for dinner (the icon of the Trinity) is world famous. Yours faithfully. T. AMBROSE St Andrew's Church

Witchford, Cambridgeshire



# God help the Princesses of Wales

Ignored, betrayed, evicted, debarred - Diana's predecessors suffered for marrying the heir to the throne

Princesses of Wales are actually pretty rare creatures, partly because there have been relatively few Princes of Wales. Many heirs to the throne did not bear the title. Most of the few Princes of Wales either died or came to the throne before marriage

was deemed appropriate.
Things didn't start too badly for Princesses of Wales. Edward, Prince of Wales, aka the Black Prince, married Joan Countess, aka the Fair Maid of Kent, wheo he was 31. Princess Joan had caused something of a scandal before she caoght the prince's eye by being contracted to one man and married to another, and then heing made to leave the one and return to the other, but nobody seems to have held it against her. Princess Di could

take heart from that. Joan's husband considerately died at much the same time that she aod the prince got together, and they thought it best to get married without too much ado - without informing the monarch, for example, and possibly without making sure that the papal dispensation was coming through.

Widowed Joan wasn't much older than our Di, but evidently much more mature. She must have been quite cute; wheo she was over 50 she was surprised oo the road by Wycliffite rebels, who contented themselves with stealing kisses and set her free. No bulimia for her; in middle age she was too fat to move.

Catherine of Aragoo was engaged to marry Arthur Tudor when he was ooe and she was two; married to him and publicly bedded when she was 15.

Charon Wood of Hartlepool was followed for

gi gine !!

The spouses could only speak to each other through the hishops who translated their Spanish or English, first into Latin for each other, and then back again into English or Spanish for the spouses. At least Di and Chuck speak the same language, though they may oot mean the same

In those days, there was no Keosington Palace and Highgrove; the Prince of Wales had to live in Wales, so off the two kids went to keep what one imagines was a rather dismal court at Ludlow.

When Arthur died there a year later of the sweating sickness, Catherine, according to her own account, was still a virgin. Then Henry VII's queen died, so he suggested himself as a bridegroom for his daughter-in-law; the poor girl escaped this fate only to be betrothed to Arthur's 14-year-old brother, Henry.

Negotiations were deliberately kept incooclusive as Henry VII looked for a richer bride for his son. Becaose of problems related to her dowry payments. Catherine had so little money made available to her that she was down to her second-last dress long before Henry VII died and Henry VIII decided that he needed a queeo. The

rest, as they say, is history.
Princess Caroline of Wales got herself entangled in a religious dispute almost as soon as she reached England. She had to endure her husband's infidelities with practically all of her ladies-in-waiting, but was obliged to leave St James's with him when he was banished by her father-in-law, George



The record of this Diana Spencer had had a history O-level

tainly a Hanoverian precedent for

she, for one, heartily wished him out of it. Nice family.

Among Frederick's crimes was a disastrous attempt to marry a woman called Lady Diana Spencer, fortunately averted. He eventually married the unfortuoate Princess Augusta, of

Once we had public services. Now They are out to get Us, so we sue them when things go wrong

whose pregnancy he oeglected to inform the mooarch and so they were flung out of St James's. Do we really want to know any more about this

Though George III may have married one or two people of obscure birth when he was Prince of Wales, there was oo Princess of Wales. Wheo George IV was Prince of Wales he went through a morganatic marriage with Mrs Fitzherbert and lived with her openly. The ructions this caused make this Parker-Bowles husiness look like a storm in rather less than a

Theo he proceeded to drive his father out of his mind, which proved easier then expected. He had to be bribed to marry, and when he did eventually marry he treated his goodhearted German frau, Caroline Amelia Elisabeth of Wolfeobûttel, with contempt and derision.

Her husband's mistress made the Princess's life a misery, instead of producing the heir plus a spare, which is the Princess of Wales's real job, not opening things and holding hands and reigning in hearts and all the guff, she produced a daughter, whereupoo the Prince of Wales abandoned her. She would oot be allowed even to

bring up her child.

After a formal separation she lived in seclusion, but somehow the word got about that she thought herself pregnant. A commission of inquiry was ordered and she was seen to be innocent, but wheo her husband became Regeot she was ignored. Debarred from court, she returned to Europe, where she allowed herself a James Hewitt or two.

She was offered a reasonably generous allowance, provided she would oever expect or make any attempt to be crowned Queen of England. This she refused.

When George III died, she returned to England, and was welcomed with ovations from the populace. But it made oo odds being Queen in people's hearts. An Act of Parliament "to deprive her majesty, Caroline Amelia Elizabeth, of the Titles, Prerogatives. Rights, Privileges, and Exemptions of Queeo Consort of The Realm, and to dissolve the marriage between his Majesty and the said Caroline Amelia Elizabeth", was brought in the House of Lords. Though the House was furiously divided, though her husband had treated her abommahly, though his infidelities had greatly eclipsed her modest attachments, the divorce clause was carried in committee. The vote in the House was prorogued.

Loving messages of sympathy and support flooded in from her loyal public, but wheo Caroline tried to enter the abbey for the coronation she was simply barred. The firm had closed ranks. Teo days later, Caroline was dead. When the citizens of London mobbed her funeral procession, the Life Guards fired on the crowd.

The people would have crowned Caroline if they could. There is no king-dom in people's hearts. If Lady Diana Spencer had known the record of this family, if she had had a history O-level. she might have learnt that the Princess of Wales is a title written in tears.

## A case of cheap vodka at the Bar

at the moment that is believed to be the first of its kind anywhere in the world, in which the defendant is accused of forging bar codes. Here is an

extract: Counsel: Could the defendant tell the court his name? Briggs: Yes, I could.

Counsel: Then pray do so. Briggs: My oame is John Lilias Counsel: And, oo the 14th of

July last, did you enter the shop known as Hateways and proceed to the check-out bearing a large bottle of vodka?

Jodge: Just a moment. Counsel: Yes, m'lord? Judge: Is there really a shop

called Hateways? Counsel: No, m'lud. It is a fictitious oame, compounded of elements of Gateway, Safeway and so on, to give the impression of a well-known store without actually naming it.

Judge: Why do you oot wish to

name it? Connect: It is not my wish, m'lud. It is the wish of Sainsbury's to keep its came out of the trial, to avoid being held up

Judge: So Sainsbury's is the store in question, is it? Counsel: No comment.

Judge: Fair eoough. Carry on. Counsel: So, John Lilias Briggs, on 14 July 1995 you approached the check-out at Hateways bearing a bottle of vodka?

Briggs: I did.

Counsel: The cashier passed

the bottle over the bar-code

Briggs: She did. Counsel: She then said, "70p, please, love", or words to that effect, did she oot?

Briggs: Yes. Counsel: What happened next? Briggs: She then said: "Hold oo! A bottle of vodka's got to be more than 70p!" So she called for the supervisor. Counsel: We shall hear from

the supervisor in due course, who will testify that Mr Briggs had affixed a bar code of his own manufacture to the bottle of vodka, designed to read out a low price at the check-out. Mr Briggs is a designer of bar codes by trade, and has devised a scheme whereby he can substitute low-price bar codes for high-price ones. We believe, though we do not yet have the evidence, that Mr Briggs recently bought a car for

£13.99 Judge: If I may interpose here, might I inquire what a bar

Counsel: Jumping Jehosaphat! Well, m'lud, a bar code is an arrangement of black lines and Judge: It's all right, Mr Robertson, I know perfectly well what

a bar code is. I was just winding you up. Counsel: Thank you, m'lud.

There is a trial taking place were accused by the supervisor of this crime . Briggs: What crime? Counsel: Affixing a false har

Briggs: That is not a crime.
Counsel: You say that it is legal to change the price on an object

to change the price on an object before buying it? Briggs: There was no price on the object. Very few items in big shops these days have prices on. If it had no price oo it, how

could I change it?

Judge: He has a good point there, Mr Robertson. Counsel: Ah, but the har code

is the same as a price.

Briggs: Not at all. The bar code leads to the read-out of a price, it is true, but that price can be changed at any time by the manageme ot of Aztec. Counsel: Aztec? There is a store called Aztec?

Briggs: No. It is a fictitious name, formed by using elements from the names of stores such as Asda and Tesco. Counsel: But you do not deny



you changed the bar code oo the bottle of vodka in an attempt to pay less for it than you would otherwise have dooe? Briggs: Doo't I?

Counsel: Well, do you? Briggs: Do I what? Counsel: Deny it? Briggs: Deny what? Counsel: What I just said. Briggs: What did you say? Counsel: I can't remember.

Judge: Mr Robertson, why not try asking the defendant a simple question and see how we Counsel: Yes, m'lud. Mr Briggs,

how much do you cormally pay for a bottle of vodka? Briggs: 70p. Counsel: You mean to tell the

court you think 70p is the nor-mal price of a bottle of vodka? Briggs: It is when I buy it. Counsel: You therefore make an enormous profit whenever you buy vodka.

Briggs: Not at all. It is not cheap to manufacture fake bar codes. It's very expensive. I probably make a oet loss oo my bar-code transactions.

the price marked on the bottle? Briggs: There is no price marked. I am simply trying to help out Messrs Oddbottoms. Judge: Is there really a shop called Oddbottoms? Briggs: No, my lord. It is a fic-

titious name based on elements of Oddbins and Bottoms Up. Now, Mr Briggs, when you (The case continues.)

family ... if only Lady

I, because the monarch hated her even more than he did his son. As the feud between father and soo intensified the king insisted on taking control of her children, so there is cer-

that kind of thing. Caroline did make it to the throne, however, after which she did preity much as she liked. She said of her son, Prederick, Prince of Wales, that he was the "greatest ass, and the greatest liar, and the greatest canaille, and the greatest beast in the whole world", and

Watch out! There's a victim about repugnant that people are so eager to sue councils and health authorities for relatively minor

> rest of society,
> No one would suggest that gross cases of oegligence and heinous injury do not require com-pensation, but the difficulty is drawing a line between these and more routine matters. Many litigants might be deflected if they could only get prompt explanations and decent apologies from officialdom. Doctors are notoriously slow to admit any error, but then they have become so afraid of litigation that they dare not apologise. Increasingly, good, hard-working doctors under stress find themselves sued for doing their best. What may have been an understandable error is turned into an expensive drain on NHS resources. Cases of medical negligence have leapt up; in 1985, legal insurance cost a GP (at today's prices) £483. This year it costs £1,495. It

matters, thus draining communal funds from the

It is part of the victim culture, where everyone wants his due with little consideration of what he owes

must be permissible to make routine errors in any job and yet we seem to have reached a point where anyone doing less well than the best may be subjected to legal challenge.

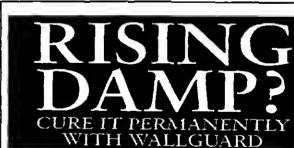
All this is a symptom of an idea of a society in which there is oo risk and where no risk is ever acceptable. An individual may seek out risk for fun, in mountaincening, pot-holing or some other dangerous pursuit - but even then he expects a Sea King helicopter or a mountain rescue team

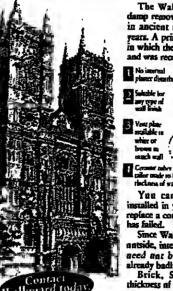
to get him out of trouble.

Life is full of risks, but we have become increasingly bad at assessing and accepting them for what they are. Some 3,600 people a year die oo the roads, but there is scarcely any political mileage in road safety. Yet whatever happens, however hizarre the circumstances, someone must always be to blame. So if a paving stone subsides and someone trips, it must be the council's fault. The Association of British Insurers dates a key change in our national attitude from the two great storms of 1987 and 1990: suddenly

everyone knew someone who had cashed in. However, it goes far deeper in the national psyche than mere opportunism. It is a part of the victim culture, where everyone wants his due with little consideration of what he owes. It is the Patients' Charter and the Citizen's Charter mentality, designed to sharpen up public services, which instead sent out a message that public service owes you. People do oeed rights and redress against inhuman and incompetent treatment, but in the public sector a brisk and effective complaints procedure would often be a better route than compensation.

There used to be a measure of pride and a sense of common ownership in the public services people used. Now people sue them.





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authority for compensation, of course. Oo the face of it, she has suffered at the hands of her local authority. But since it was an honest mistake, how aggrieved should she be? Some may think her story is a sinister example of the creep-ing invasioo of snooping officialdom. But since we live in litigious times, with personal injury claims against local authorities having increased eight-fold in 10 years, there have to be checks on fraudulent or exaggerated claims where ofteo only investigation will reveal the truth.

The boom in litigation is part of a deeper change in national attitudes. An atheistical society oo longer accepts the concept of the Act of God. Now we have mastered nature, now we have rolled hack the frontiers of life and death, we believe ourselves to be all-powerful. The flipside of this coin is that some human somewhere is always responsible for everything that happens. There is oo more bad luck: someone has to take

Everything now conspires to urge people to sue. Since May, solicitors have been allowed to operate a No Win No Fee service, taking up cases for a 25 per ceot share of the proceeds. All the client has to put up front is £85 in insurance to cover the other side's costs in the event of failure. It makes having a go a very good prospect.
The Law Society offers an "accident line", so you can phone up for the name of the local expert in personal injury cases if you want to sue the greengrocer who left the banana skin on the

There are ambulance-chasing advertising posters up in many accident and emergency departments of hospitals, urging people who have had accidents to contact firms of solicitors. Local newspapers are packed with advertisements for solicitors touting for personal injury

William Control



No win, no fee ... the search is on for someone to sue

Photograph: Hulton Deutsch

business. In Bleak House. Dickens wrote: "The one great principle of the English law is to make husiness of itself."

Since the introduction of No Win No Fee, there is a new breed of disreputable agent. They stop people in the street, ofteo under the guise of opinion poiling, and, among other questions, ask them whether they have had any kind of acci-dent recently. When they have collected a list of the names and addresses of victims, they sell them to local law firms, which will cootact these people and offer them free litigation. Go for it, everyooe urges.

Of course, it does at last give people much fairer access to the law. Where once the risk of suing was so great, few but the rich dared try it; now everyone with a reasonable case has a chance. But the danger is that it changes every minor accident into a lottery win in the courts. It seems to me oeither a moral attitude nor a healthy one for the individual. It certainly encourages dishooesty. One council discovered

a whole family had made trip-and-slip claims over several years.

Private investigators, like the lawyers, are mak-

ing a fortune out of this booming business. "The personal mjury claim is an active market," says a spokesman for the Association of British Inves-tigators. "It has doubled in the past 10 years." He adds, unetwously, "It may be the breaking down of certain standards in society that has made people less moral about trying to take money off insurance companies. The Association of British Insurers, polling

public honesty, found that nearly one in five peo-ple agrees with the proposition that: "The insurance companies can afford to pay, so it is worth having a go."

Law Society research suggests that about 4 per ceot of people have an accident each year, and some 20 per cent of those take advice on compensation. Naturally, the lawyers think this is too

few and that more people should be claiming more money. Are they right? I find it particularly

by Tony Reeve and Steve Way Generation Why I REALLY FEEL I UNDERSTAND THE CONSTANT PRESSURE TO I WAS AGAINST DRESSING UP AS NOW I CAN PAY YOU PRINCESS DIANA AT FIRST, BUT ITS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A LOOK GOOD, MEN STARING AT FESS... YOU , NOT TAKING YOU SERIOUSLY REALLY TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT WOMAN! JUST BECAUSE OF YOUR SEX ... WHAT YOU GIRLS GO THROUGH . EXCELLENT ... IT'S OPENED MY EYES .. 000000



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IN BRIEF

North West Water, which yesterday reported a 22 per cent rise

in interim profits, may make provisions of up to £100m in the

second half to cover restructuring at newly acquired Norweb.

The company said the merger had produced savings of about

£70m this year, but analysts said failure to make provisions at

half-way meant one large charge was likely at the year-end,

Pre-tax profits of £167m. up from £136.8m. were at the top end of forecasts. Labour's employment spokesman lan McCartney said the figure was an "obscenity when thousands faced job cuts"

Lucas said its chief executive, George Simpson, who was tipped

as a possible successor to Lord Weinstock at GEC, would be

staying with the company. The comments, at yesterday's annu-

al meeting, was the first public statement by the company since speculation began. Mr Simpson's contract runs until March 1997.

Delta, the giant US airline, is to invest in a new multi-million-

pound sales and reservation centre at Heathrow. The investment

is said to include a grant from the Department of Trade and In-

A strong performance from the Mothercare chain of children's

shops has boosted profits at Storehouse, the BhS retail group.

Mothercare profits jumped by 120 per cent to £9.3m in the six months to October helped by better stock control and fewer dis-

counts. Profits at BhS also improved though sales were affect-

ed by the heatwave. Group profits were up 42 per cent to £34.5 m.

Sega, the computer games company, has sold more than 50,000

units of its Saturn system, huoyed by a 70 per cent sales growth

m the past month. Marketing director Noel Dardis said the system had captured 50 per cent of the market for the new-gen-

eration advanced computer games, despite being outgunned by Sony PlatyStation's £20m advertising campaign.

Nationsbank, the US hank which owns stockhroker Parimure

Gordon, is rumoured to have tabled a 280p unofficial offer for

Gartmore, the fund manager, being sold by Indosuez, the French

bank. The offer would value Garimore at £565m.

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**Delta to expand Heathrow operation** 

offices into two, at London and Frankfurt.

**Mothercare lifts Storehouse** 

Saturn boost for Sega

North West Water merger provisions

estimated at anywhere between £40m and £100m.

The company becomes United Utilities on 1 January.

**Greenbury 'derailment' threat** 

to blunt its recommendations.

Lucas chief staying put

The hesieged Forte hotels group was believed last night to be considering radical mea-sures to ward off Granada's un-wanted £3.3bn bid. The options include a firesale of key assets, an acquisition overseas and the appointment of a chief executive to work alongside Sir Rocco Forte, who holds that post in

addition to being chairman.

Meanwhile, Granada said its
offer document could be pubished as early as this weekend.

to secure outright victory. The hreak-up value of Forte was reckoned to be close to 400p. Forte shares rose 3.5p to close

at 351p.

Analysis said talk of a radical defence from Forte was uncal defence from the eroup from likely to save the group from takeover but could extract a higher price. Nat West Securities wrote in a research note: "It is our view that there will eventually be a marginal sweetening of the deal."

lished as early as this weekend.
City sources said the hostile shares and cash offer, worth 329p a share at last night's

The emergence of a rival bid remained unlikely, despite market rumours. Suntory, the Japanese drinks giant, formal-

Talk that Bass might be a hid-

der was also discounted. However, there was a separate rumour yesterday that Bass, owner of the Holiday Inn chain and Coral betting shops, may be considering a takeover bid for Ladbroke, owner of the Hilton chain outside the US and the market-leading Ladbroke racing group. Ladbroke has a mar-ket capitalisation of £1.6bn. Bass declined to comment.

It is believed that Forte may be looking for buyers for a few of its so-called "trophy" hotels, as well as its extensive restau-rant holdings, including the

way service sites might also be earmarked for disposal. It was believed the group could raise as much as £1bn from the sales, enough nearly to wipe out debt.
An announcement to expand

the Meridien chain was also thought possible. Granada had promised that it would use Meridien as a prime vehicle for growth if its bid was successful.

Merchant hanks in the City were said to be feverishing drawing up lists of potentially interested parties, both in the UK and overseas. Likely buyers of Forte assets, whether sold by the predator or the target, in-

closing price for Granada of by denied that it had made, or 653p, would bave to be raised would make, plans to hid.

Little Chef and Happy Eater clude wealthy individuals such chains. The company's motorast the Sultan of Brunei and such as Sberatoa and Marriot. The Granada camp was dis-

missive of any plans by Forte to restructure: "We think that they are panicking. Just talking about sales doesn't address the essential issues. The important thing is what Granada brings getting costs out, margins up and generating value for shareholders."

The current Forte management has already launched a disposals programme - for example, putting the US Travelodge chain up for sale. It is also believed to be ready to sell the White Hart chain of hotels. on the books at £120m.

Granada is thought to have already identified buyers for the £500m worth of assets it intends to sell, including Forte's mo-torway service sites, some ho-tels and stakes in the Savoy hotels group and Alpha, the air-line caterer. Whithread is be-lieved ready to buy the motorway sites if they become available.

Meanwile the Forte Council, which bolds a 50 per cent "gold-en share," said last night it would meet next week to discuss the bid. It plans to speak to both Forte and Granada before announcing how it will respond.

## Electric shock: Shares plunge after National Power and PowerGen offers are stopped

# Lang refers power bids to mergers commission

**MARY FAGAN** and PETER RODGERS

The Government sent shock waves through the electricity industry by referring the takeover bids by National Power for Southern Electric and Power-Gen for Midlands Electricity to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.
The decision sent sbares in

Southern plummeting by 62p to 913p and those in Midlands by 59p to 918p. Shares in National Power fell 16p to 478p and PowerGen's shares closed down

21p at 540p.
The decision, which was hailed as a triumph by the National Consumer Council, fuelled speculation that US or European predators would now swoop on the two regional electricity companies. There is also a view that Southern and Midlands might seek to merge to fend off a hostile foreign attack. There is nothing to stop anyone else coming in while the MMC is looking at this."

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said: "I have decided to refer the Power-Gen/Midlands Electricity and National Power/Southern mergers to the MMC because I consider that each of them raises competition concerns in the generation and supply of elec-tricity in England and Wales."

sbarp contrast to his clearance of five earlier bids, including that for Manweb by Scottish Power, which is also a substan-

tial generator. One Whitehall source said the City bad been wrong to assume that these had set a precedent as the Government had always made it clear that each case would be examined on its merits. "These bids involve very difficult issues - of a different order of magnitude from the others. Whichever way you look at it, it is a major structural change which is being

The takeovers would have been a significant move towards reintegrating the industry into the structure that was dismantled by the Government before it was privatised. But Mr Lang added: "In general I do not believe that vertical integration is inherently objectionable whether in the electricity industry or elsewhere. Howevtural change proposed could have an effect on the development of competition in the industry. This will, of course, be a matter for the MMC to consider and on which they will need to reach their own

Keith Henry, chief executive of National Power, said: "We are naturally very disappointed at this unexpected decision. We shall vigorously press the Mr Lang's statement is in merits of our case with the



Power play: ian Lang found competition concerns in the two latest bids

MMC." Mr Henry warned that National Power may now find it difficult to sell 4,000 megawatts of power plant - as demanded by Offer, the regulator - because potential huyers would be nervous about the structure of the industry.

PowerGen, which has already spent almost £400m buying 21 per cent of Midlands, also

vowed to fight on the grounds that it has a "compelling business and competition case" Both PowerGen's £1.95bn bid and National Power's £2.8bn proposed takeover now automatically lapse.

One City analyst said: "Everyone is wondering what will happen to the regional companies that are left and

tential American predators included Houston Industries, Texas Utilities and Pacific Gas and Electric. There is also a view that European companies, including Tractabel of Belgium, Comment, page 25

what will happen to the gener-

ators if they are tied up at the

MMC for months." He said po-

## Amec rejects Norway approach

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Amec construction group yesterday rejected a takeover approach from Kvaerner, a Norwegian shipping and engineering group, which mounted a dawn raid in the stock market for 12 per cent of the company's sbares.

Kvaerner paid 100p a share, and after a fruitless 40-minute meeting with the Amec board announced that any further ourcbases would not be at a igher price.

Kvaerner did not make a firm offer, but at 100p a share analysts said Amec's ordinary and a large number of preference shares would be valued at more than £370m. Amec shares rose 21p to 99p. Sir Alan Cockshaw, chairman

of Amec, said that such a price grossly undervalued the company, which was beginning to see some of the benefits of restructuring after a long period

It is thought that both sides accepted the industrial logic of closer co-operation. Kvaerner, whose interests range from paper to shipping, has substantial facilities building oil and gas platforms, while Amec has

management expertise. Kvaerner said yesterday that it was only interested in a links, and was considering its options, though analysts said Norwegian companies rarely mounted hostile takeovers. Kvaerner has grown organically,

and by agreed acquisitions. Kvaemer chief executive Erik Toenseth, chief executive of Kvaerner, said: "Having sought constructive discussions with Sir Alan Cockshaw at a meeting which took place today, I was disappointed that we were not able to make progress. While Sir Alan clearly recognised the industrial logic of ex-tensive co-operation between our two firms, we were unable

to agree on a way forward." Yesterday's share raid, executed by SBC Warburg, netted 20 million shares, and sparked widespread speculation that either McAlpine or the French Bouygues group were behind the purchase.

Howard Proctor, huilding analyst at SG Strauss Turnbull, said be was surprised anybody would want to buy control or a stake in any UK contractor, giv-en the sector's present troubles. All Britain's contractors have

seen their margins pressed down to virtually nothing this year and say they are struggling to secure new contracts that pay. Comment, page 25

# Littlewoods plans £250m share buy-back

#### NIGEL COPE

The battle for control of Lit-The Greenbury Committee's report on corporate governance is in danger of being derailed by "powerful voices" with a vest-ed interest in seeing it fail, it was claimed yesterday. Geoff Lindey, tlewoods, the football pools and retail empire, took a new chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds invest-ment committee, told NAPF delegates at a one-day conference turn yesterday when the company proposed a £250m share in London that opponents of Greenbury must not be allowed buy-back. The proposal is designed to offer an exit route for members of the controlling Industry View, page 26 Moores family and maintain the company's independence.

Littlewoods also warned that

trading conditions were difficult which is being advised by Daw-for its chain stores and that its nay Day merchant bank, was bome shopping division was suffering from weaker sales and higher bad debts.

The share buy-back proposal seen as an attempt by the Littlewoods board to scupper the indicative £1.2bn offer for the company by Barry Dale, the former chief executive.

The board's efforts were imt expected this year's profits to mediately criticised by the Dalc be "some way below" last year's camp which said the proposals level of £116m. It hlamed the lacked substance and would National Lottery for damaging push the company deep into

its pools husiness, but also said debt. Mr Dale's consortium, working through last night on a response which should be is-

The Littlewoods proposals

were contained in a circular sent by Leonard van Geest, chairman, to the 32 members of the Moores family who own all the shares in the Liverpool-based group. Dated 22 November, it states that the board is prepared to spend £200m-£250m on buy-ing back shares from family members who may wish to sell.

sued today.

It declined to name a price, a few [shareholders] who want saying this would only be decided after consultation with the family. However, it is likely to be significantly below the indicative 848p-a-share offer from

It adds that more than £250m could be spent but this may have a detrimental effect on the business which is currently debtfree. "It would be more likely that the group would need to make disposals to help pay for any share purchases," it says. Jim Michie, Littlewoods fi-

nance director said: "If there are

another buy-hack device. What we are saying is that, atter 70 years in business, why rush? You have plenty of time to come to a rational conclusion."

out, then why don't we set up

Advising shareholders to re-ject the Dale offer, the Littlewoods board also urged Moores family members to wait for the outcome of two reviews of the business due for completion later this month.

It added that it had received several other offers for parts of

New team at Reed Regional

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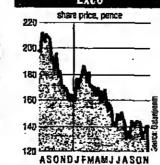
## Sliding exchange volumes trigger warning at Exco dustry, and will create about 200 jobs. The company is expected to announce next week the consolidation of its 22 European

#### JOHN WILLCOCK Financial Correspondent

Exco, the moneybroking group, suffered a 21p fall in its share price to 120p after warning that full-year profits would be "markedly below market ex-pectations." Last year's flotation price was 175p.

The company has been hit hard by falling foreign exchange volumes and has already cut 150 jobs this year. Carel Mosselmans, chairman, said Exco expected to report a fall in turnover in the full year similar to the 13 per cent decline re-ported for the six months to June 30. He added that, since his cautious half-year report, volumes in wholesale financial

markets had fallen further. Exco has already taken restructuring action with the aim of cutting total operating costs £16m-£19m. Robert Mumby by £15m in a full year. It said it expected an exceptional cost of



£4m in the current year from the measures. It will maintain its fi-nal dividend of 6p, making a 10tal of 9p for the year. This puts Exco on an historic price-earning ratio of 11 and a gross yield of 9 per cent. Analysts downgraded their

forecasts for full-year profits

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from £27m-£29m

enues in the second half is pretty devastating. It has recovery potential next year."

Simon Whittock of Merrill

Lynch said Exco was suffering from two things. The foreign exchange industry is undergoing a structural change from voice-hased traders [such as Exco] to screen-based ones like Reuters. Secondly, the banks are not tetting their traders wheel and deal in the way they did in the past before the Barings disaster.

Peter Edge replaced Ron Sandler as Exco's chief execu-tive in October 1994. Mr Sandler - now chief executive of Lloyd's of London - left with a £297,000 pay-off three months after he floated the company out of administration. Exco had been part of the British & Commonwealth financial con-£16m-£19m. Robert Mumby glomerate that failed at the of BZW said: "It's a bit dire."

## seeks more newspaper deals MATHEW HORSMAN and DAVID HELLIER

The acquisitive appetite of new owners at the 129-title Reed Regional newspaper group is far from being satisfied, and more purchases are already being planned.

"Far from selling off titles, we are planning to expand," Jim Brown, Reed Regional's chief executive, said.

Mr Brown and other key

managers of the former Reed Elsevier subsidiary have invested "substantial amounts of money" in the winning hid, led by US huyout specialists KKR. The group saw off four other bids, including one from venture capital firm Electra, paying £205m for the titles.

The group intends to change as name as soon as possible, probably to Prospect Media, and is looking at a range of regional newspapers that may be for sale.

available at the right price. United's regional titles include the Yorkshire Evening Post, the Sheffield Star. the South Wales Argus and the Lancashire Evening Post, and might be worth £200m. "Of course we would be in-

terested if they became available," Mr Brown said. "They would make a good fit with our existing titles."

The acquisition strategy would be financed by KKR, which will have three seats on the group's board of nine or 10

KKR was first made aware of the attractions of the Reed titles by Glenisla, its London affiliate, set up 18 months ago by Ian Martin, former deputychairman of Grand Metropol-

itan and now chairman of

Mr Martin said that the new regional titles owned by United management "was looking for acquisitions both in newspapers and in parallet media". He discounted suggestions the market for regional newspapers was un-

exciting.

"If you provide high-quality colour, even on free newspapers, it is possible to win. KKR's position is that the management team is paramount... a good team in a sector with potential is what we are looking for."

Acquisitions would be easy to finance. "We are well-capitalised, but at the end of the day, if we need money, KKR will set it up for us."

Mr Brown said his group was likely to follow a similar strategy to that of Trinity, the aggressive regional newspaper group that earlier this year bought the non-Scottish titles of Thomson group for



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Gartmore 'bid' by US bank

The two bids are different from anything that has gone before because of the extent of vertical integration they would bring between generators and suppliers of

electricity'

# Lang has a powerful case for second thoughts

Tan Lang said he would look at the power bids case by case, and clearly he meant it.

Campaigners for a referral of anything that

Tan Lang said he would look at the power referring Hanson's hid for Eastern. Southern Group's hid for South Western and the hid by Trafalgar House for Northern, which Campaigners for a referral of anything that moves in the electricity industry will as a result accuse him of inconsistency for referring two bids and clearing five. So will those many investors who failed to take account of the real risk all along that he would refer the National Power bid for Southern and the PowerGen hid for Midlands Electricity. Their penalty was a sharp drop yesterday in

regional electricity company shares.
It is hard to see why the market could have been so wrong-footed, for Mr Lang has not in fact been inconsistent. The two bids are different from anything that has gone before, because of the extent of vertical integration they would bring between generators and suppliers of electricity. Vertical integration was the hidders' reason for moving in the first place, because they wanted access to the billing and marketing expertise of local distribution companies. Mr Lang, in a general statement of principle on electricity mergers in August, made clear that vertical inte-

gration would be a factor in his decisions. Nor were yesterday's references inconsistent with clearance of Scottish Power's bid for Manweb, which also involves vertical integration. There are transmission capacity limits on how much electricity Scottish Power can sell south of the border. It is also a lot easier to ring-fence operations in this merger than in the case of the two bids just referred. There was even less reason for

was withdrawn. None of these involved a competition problem, and the regulatory issues could be dealt with by the regulator.

Nevertheless, Mr Lang was on the defensive yesterday, insisting that in general he does not believe vertical integration is inher-ently objectionable in the electricity industry or anywhere else. He can hardly say otherwise, after allowing Scottish Power to buy Manweh and Scottish and Newcastle to buy Courage hreweries. However, the Government's hope of completing deregulation of the electricity market in 1998, by opening domestic supply to competition, has given rise to real concern about the effect of these two takeovers. Combine that with the more obvious worries about the potential for manipulating the electricity trading pool and for exploiting control of distribution companies and there is a good case for referring

these two bids. The decision does have its drawbacks, however. It may well be that the MMC agrees with PowerGen and National Power that the prospects for genuine competition will he enhanced if the hids proceed. There is a real risk that one of the Recs - Southern, rather than Midlands, where PowerGen has a blocking 21 per cent stake - will be snapped up by a foreign hidder while the inquiry is on. It is equally likely that Southern and Midlands will look at a defensive

merger. Mr Lang should therefore refer any further bids for these two companies to keep a level playing field. There is a precedent in the referral of British Aerospace's bid for VSEL on public interest grounds, when only GEC's bid for the same company raised any clear compention questions.

#### Amec – a good case for integration

that anyone would want to buy a UK con-That anyone would want to may be tractor raised a few eyebrows yesterda hut maybe Kvaerner's interest in Amec is well timed. The UK construction and engineering group - like the rest of the industry - has had its problems hut it has recently begun

to regain some credibility in the City.

At a meeting between the two sides yesterday morning – after the dawn raid that netted 12 per cent - the industrial logic of extensive co-operation was apparently recognised by hoth sides. Amec's general construction work and expertise in building oil and gas platforms fits nicely with the Norwegian group's hopes of expanding in the UK. Kvaerner, whose interests range from paper to shiphuilding - it owns the Govan shipyard - has extensive North Sea interests.

But the sticking point at yesterday's meeting was, as is so often the case, the price. A Kvaerner offer of £1 m would value the ordinary and preference shares at about £370m - woefully undervaluing the company, says to claims that Amec, whose shares stood at around 60p at the start of the month, is at last turning itself around.

It is unclear whether Kvaerner would want to mount a full hid. A large stake, enough to gain some influence and representation on the Amec board, would enable Kyaerner to hide time until the picture became

#### Exchange paralysis left undisturbed

Things appear to be going from had to worse at the London Stock Exchange. Michael Lawrence, chief executive, had set great store by an internal strategic review, conducted throughout most of this year, which he saw as a means of silencing the growing ranks of City sceptics who have been wondering aloud about the future of the Exchange. The completed review was handed to the members of the Stock Exchange board some six weeks ago. Since then there has been

only a deafening silence.
Far from uniting the board on a bold course forward, the review has inflamed emotions and divisions even further. Two elements have exercised members in particular. The first concerns suggestions for alternative revenue streams to make up for the loss of the £60m brought in annually by the Talisman settlement system when it is

the Amec board. There is some justification | replaced next year by Crest. The second is the plan for running from next autumn an order-driven trading system capability along-side the Stock Exchange's traditional quote-

driven system.

One hare-brained suggestion was that as a way of plugging the gap, the Stock Exchange should itself enter the interdealer broker market in direct competition with its marginary Amarganity not content. with its members. Apparently not content with reaction to this, Mr Lawrence compounded the problem in his recent Leonard Sainer memorial lecture by saying the Exchange might go into competition with its members on other services as well, a position not agreed with the board. This has prompted some stern behind-the-scenes rehukes; the Exchange should stick to being a service provider for its customers, and stop confusing itself with a profit-making busi-ness, Mr Lawrence's critics insist.

The order-driven issue is also contentious. Some board members fear that the attempt to tack on the new trading system to the old will inevitably mean the death of the quotedriven tradition, whereby the powerful market-making firms determine buy and sell prices. Mr Lawrence's task of attempting to be all things to all men may be close to an impossible one As everyone knows, you cannot please all of the people all of the time. The way things are going, however, he is

Northumbrian bid: French company to merge its water and sewage interests in North-east after 'full-value' takeover

# Lyonnaise wins £823m battle for water group

**MARY FAGAN** Industrial Correspondent

Northumbrian Water yesterday became the first of the 10 major water and sewage companies in England and Wales to succumb to a bid, agreeing to a £823m cash offer from Lyonnaise des Eaux of France.

The deal follows recent clearance by the Government on condition that Lyonnaise cut. water bills in the region by 15 per cent by 2001. The French group said months ago that it on Wednesday and a 59 per cent might be interested in making a bid but only when the regulatory situation became clear.

The directors of Northum brian, who will remain with the enlarged group "to achieve the goals of the merger", stand to gain more than £1.6m as a result of the takeover. David Cranston, chief executive, is the main beneficiary with his shares and share options yielding him about £750,000.

Sir Frederick Holliday, chairman of Northumbrian, said: "It bas been almost nine months - a good gestation period - and what I think has been born is a fairly lusty child. Of course the hearts of the Northumhrian board maybe at one point said one thing while their head said another. But the head ruled at the end of the day this is a very fair deal for shareholders and customers."

The offer values each Northumbrian share at £11.79, including £11.65 in cash and a special dividend of 14p net. Shareholders will also retain the interim dividend of 11p to be received on an accelerated basis.

The brice, which City analysts said "looks like full value", represents a 4 per cent increase over the Northumbrian shares made its interest known. wbether this may presage a spate of takeovers. One said: "I still do not see where all the supposed hids are coming from.

The French group, which already has UK water companies including North East Water, Northumbrian's neighbour, said that there would he a reduction in jobs in the core regulated husinesses to help "achieve the severe price cuts being imposed". But Lyonnaise has also guaranteed that there will be no compulsory redundancies, with people being offered jobs elsewhere in its international operations, or in



Sir Frederick Holliday, chairman of Northumbrian (left), and Philippe Brongniart, vice-president of Lyonnaise

new training and research facilities to be established at Newcastle upon Tyne.

Lyonnaise will now consolidate the two companies in the north east as Northumbrian Water Group. This holding company will also act as an umbrella for Essex and Suffolk Water, which was acquired by Lyonnaise in 1989. Jacques Petry, President of

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Cruickshank involve the cre-

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petitive behaviour and order it

to stop while an investigation

The changes sought by Mr

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takes place.

Lyonnaise's international water Sir Frederick Holliday will division, reiterated the com- become chairman and, pending mitment not to buy any more UK water interests for at least 10 years. The group has also agreed to seek a listing on the Stock Exchange by 2005 for its UK water-related operations.

Patrick Babin, finance director of Lyonnaise, will be joint managing director with Mr Cranston of the enlarged group.

approval, will join the board of Lyonnaise. The other executive in two to three weeks." directors "will continue in their current functions", and the

enlarged group. Mr Babin said the deal is subject to approval by the European Commission, hut added:

non-executives will also he

"offered similar positions" in the

"We know they are happy in principle with this transaction. We hope to get clearance with-

The Government conditions, when it approved a potential hid earlier this month, were at-tacked as "feeble" by the Labour Party, and as "peanuts for customers" by Northumbrian. Although the 15 per cent price cuts suggested by the reg- a "poor deal" for customers.

Photograph: Philip Meech

ulator Ofwat appear swingeing they were less than expected. The main criticism is that the phasing means the reduction in the first two years will be only 1 per cent - about 90p for the average housebold ~ rising to 2 per cent in year three and 10 per cent in year four. At the time Northumbrian said that the conditions were "lenient" and

## C&W considers articles shake-up

DAVID HELLIER

Cable and Wireless, the telecommunications group torn apart earlier this week by boardroom strife, may have to change its articles of association in order to fill the positions of chairman and chief executive with its preferred candidates.

Under its current articles, the company is restricted in its choice of top management by nationality. A clause in the current articles reads: "No director may hold the office as executive chairman or if there is no such executive chairman the office of chief executive unless he is a British citizen within the meaning of the British

Nationality Act, 1981. It is believed that the company would seek to remove this restriction, with the support of its shareholders, if it found a preferred candidate or candidates who did not fit conform to the articles' requirements. 'There would be ways of doing

problems," an insider said. The nationality clause means at the moment, for example, with Brian Smith in the role as non-executive chairman, that the company would have to restrict its search for a chief executive to British nationals.

This restriction, unless altered, could severely restrict the company's search for suitable candidates within the industry. There are only three big telecommunications operators within the UK - C&W, British Telecom and Vodafone. One possible candidate for the job is Christopher Gent, Vodafone's managing director, who has been on the Vodafone board since the company start-

ed in 1985 Mr Smith has already warned that the search for a new chief executive could take at least a year. Earlier this week both Lord Young, the executive chairman, and James Ross, chief executive, departed after a boardroom row which has left the company in turmoil.

Mr Smith is reported as say ing the board would probably look for "somebody with an understanding of the industry, clear ideas and focus and the ability to act today." Industry analysts have said that to fulfill these requirements the search might have to include candidates outside the UK.

Speculation that the company was vulnerable to a takeover hid receded slightly yesterday after a couple of days of stockmarket excitement. The shares moved down 13p to 453p yesterday on profit-taking.

# wider powers for Oftel

**MARY FAGAN** Industrial Correspondent

Sir lain Vallance, BT's chairman, yesterday threw down the gauntlet to the authorities by delivering a powerful warning that he may not accept sweeping new anti-competitive powers being sought by Oftel, the industry regulator.

BT must accept the propos-als by Don Cruickshank, director general of Oftel, or find itself in the hands of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Speaking at a meeting of the Policy Studies Institute, Sir Iain said that Oftel's proposals would "stifle innovation, reduce BT's efficiency and add to consumers' costs". He added: "I am answerable to shareholders and customers. How can I be expected to go along with this?"

Sir lain accused Mr Cruickshank of having "ambitions to become an untrammelled competition authority as well as a regulator", and of also wishing to be manager. He said that the watchdog had become increasingly preoccupied with driving down BT's market share at the expense of his other responsibilities.

Sir lain, whose speech came within hours of Oftel's first public hearing on the issue, added: "It is my belief that the director general's current proposals presage a highly dangerous new form of regulation, with broad and undefined discretionary, or absolute, powers vested in a single individual."

Sir lain, who argues that investors need more regulatory stability, added: "By entering

the case is proven. Speaking at his morning meeting. Mr Cruickshank said: Too often in the past, regulation has been after the event. There is a tendency to try things the ring on the side of BT's comuntil the regulator intervenes to do something until stopped." His proposal would also allow damaged parties to bring legal action earlier if they have been

Mr Cruickshank added: "The telecommunications market is different from that in other goods and services in that it is still heavily dominated by one vertically integrated company."

Wayne Gowan, chairman of the Cable Communications Association, argued that the Oftel proposals did not go far enough. Professor John Kay, of the London Business School. said that in embracing a general anti-competitive approach, Oftel would be taking "absolutely the right way" ahead.

## Vallance warns against CBI urges prudence over tax cuts

DIANE COYLE Economics Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry's survey of trends in manufacturing showed a further slowdown this month. The survey is the last economic news before Tuesday's Budget.

However, the employers' rganisation said there was no evidence that the economy was heading into recession. It advised the Chancellor to keep Budget tax cuts prudent to avoid the need for higher base rates in future.

trimmed their forecast for At present a complex series of individual licence conditions relates to competition and he has no ability to stop alleged anti-competitive behaviour until

The CBI's economists

growth down to 2.5 per cent next year from an expected 2.7 per cent this year, but predicted a faster pace of expansion in 1997. Sudhir Junankar of the CB1

said: "I do not think the evidence suggests we are at a defining moment when the economy stops growing." After a few sluggish months demand would pick up part-way through 1996, he said.

The CBI's forecast assumes that modest tax cuts announced next week are paid for by reductions in government spending. It predicts base rates could then fall half a point early next year, at the same time as inflation declined towards the Government's 2.5 per cent larget.

On the other hand, a tax giveaway of £4bn not financed by reducing expenditure would take inflation above the target. This would bring the danger of higher interest rates. Kate Barker, the CBI's chief

expansion had slowed down. But there is nothing in the survey to say there is a manufacturing recession," she said. The balance of firms expecting output to rise during the next four months over those expecting a decline fell to 9 per cent. There was a negative hal-

al trends showed that the

economist, admitted that the of finished goods were more

main risk was that growth would turn out lower than forecast. with the November balance of

November's survey of industri- 18 per cent similar to recent

ance of 9 per cent expecting above-normal orders in the next four months. Export orders were the lowest in any monthly survey since June 1994, although still close to normal Domestic orders were weaker than export orders. Companies said their stocks

levels. Producers of intermediate goods - and especially artificial fibres - reported well above normal levels. Ms Barker said: "This is clearly dampening expectations of increasing output into the new year." Despite the continued slowdown, the balance of firms expecting to raise prices increased to 15 per cent, up four points

months and significantly high-

er than earlier in the year. Big firms reported the highest stock

in a month. The CBI said this reflected the traditional rise in list prices in January. Adjusting for this effect, price expectations were roughly flat.

# EMU vital to single market, says Brittan

**PAUL WALLACE** Economics Editor

Sir Leon Brittan yesterday warned that the single Euro-pean market could be at risk without the present drive to create a monetary union. "EMU is now more than ever likely to

happen," he said. The vice-president of the European Commission was responding to the question that John Major, the Prime Minister, raised earlier this week about the impact on the single market of a move towards monctary union that created a division between those inside and

Sir Leon said that "even the present degree of progress towards EMU does and will continue to act as an important glue

in the single market". Without it, "the strain on the single market could well become very serious indeed". Sir Leon, who was speaking

at a conference in London organised by the Federal Trust, was referring to calls from French, German and Austrian industry for compensation against European exchange rate fluctuations. The Commission, he said, was able to reject these calls with ease "only because there is an accepted macrorope, in the form of the convergence criteria included in the Maastricht Treaty, which ensures that all member states are

pulling in the same direction". Sir Leon said that other European countries would deem Britain "crazy" if a decision were taken to rule out a single currency in the lifetime of the next Parliament.

That would "only have one certain effect, and that is to ensure that Britain loses any further influence over the process of setting up EMU".

shared by Richard Freeman, the chief economist at ICI. If Britain did not join the first

Sir Leon's concern was

in eventually catching up with core countries might aprove insurmountable and at great costs to British industry and UK welfare". Sir Leon rejected as com-

pletely overblown the Eurosceptic argument that EMU was the thin end of a very large wedge that would end up with a European superstate running a European hudget, relegating the UK to the status of a region of a United Europe.

However, speaking at the same conference. Otmar Issing. the chief economist of the German Bundesbank, said that the

wave of countries forming attempt to create a monetary EMU, he said, the difficulties union without a political union was unprecedented. There was no example in history of a lasting monetary union that was not also a state entity.

Dr Issing warned that the removal of exchange rate risk would make it more attractive for memher states of a mone-

tary union to borrow. A new agreement was necessary between those countries emharking on EMU to enforce

fiscal prudence. He contrasted the tight restrictions on eligibility for EMU

with the lentent "excessive deficits provision of the Mans-

Storm warning: Sir lain criticises watchdog's ambitions

#### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Edited by Magnus Grimond

## Cost control boosts Storehouse

Storehouse: at a glance

Market value: £1.4bn, share price 332p.

ercare group is now looking in better shape than many of its rivals on the high

Yesterday the company turned in another good performance with interim results above most expectations. Pretax profits for the six months to October were up a thumping 42 per cent to

Mothercare more than doubled profits to £9.3m and BhS edged up 10 per cent. Even Blazer, the small chain of upmarket clothing stores, is threatening to make money.

The foundation of Storehouse's success thus far has been chief executive Keith Edelman's focus on the nuts and bolts of retailing. All chains are concentrating on building margins rather than chasing sales. More attention is being paid to better buying, thus preventing costly end-of-season markdowns. The supplier hase is being pruned and costs tightly controlled.

Management time is also being concentrated on fewer formats. One Up. the lower-priced format born of some of the more downmarket branches of BhS, was the latest to go. It was sold to Associated British Foods for £1.2m in June.

It is significant, however, that Storehouse's improved half-year results came on sales that were flat at £518m. So far, profits growth has been coming from reduced costs and improved

This is all very well but there is only so much that can he cut from costs. Indeed costs are expected to rise in the second half. Group sales have been level for five years now and at some point management will have to produce growth.

BhS, which accounts for two-thirds of both group sales and profits, seems to be responding well to new initiatives. The gross margin improved by 1.5 percentage points owing to fewer markdowns.

Like-for-like sales fell by 3 per cent, hut this was due mainly to a more stringent policy on the Choice discount lovalty scheme, and the effects of the summer heatwave.

At Mothercare, 60 per cent of the sales space has been re-designed with a oew kiddie-friendly format complete with talking trees and carpets with fibre-optic lighting that changes colour. The £100m programme should be complete in two years. At Blazer, three of the poorly-located stores will

Storehouse shares have trebled over the last five years and risen by 50 per cent this year alone. Along with Next, this makes it one of the sector's best

Storehouse has had its share of prob-lems in the past, but the BhS and Moth-yesterday, and with analysts foreyesterday, and with analysts fore-casting profits of £110m for the full year, the sbares are on a forward rating of 19. This is high, but there should still be more growth to come.

#### Babcock returns to its old form

Babcock International has had a richly chequered past. Sorting out the onetime hoiler-making to dockyard management group defeated Lord King, Jeff Whalley and Tony Gartland, three of the stock market's chosen people in the 1980s. Now almost two years mto another recovery programme un-der new management, Babcock already seems to be returning to its old form.

Interim results were never going to inspire and the fall in underlying pretax profits from £2.83m to £2.18m before exceptionals reported yesterday duly lived up to the low expectations. But an interim dividend of 1.25p, the first for three years, reflects the confidence of management that the group has at last turned the corner.

Five Year Record 1993

Pre-tax profits (£m) 15.2

Operating profit

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Earnings per share (pence)

Certainly, a great step forward in "de-risking" the balance sheet was made in September, when a 75 per cent stake in the historic boiler-making business was dumped on Mitsui of Japan for £56m. At a stroke that removed enormous trading losses, chipped in a £26m sale profit to the interim figures and left net cash of £33.2m at the end of September.

But no sooner had that problem been sorted out than another has emerged.

Babcock's normally strong German materials handling business has been pushed into the red by the strength of the mark and high labour costs. With commendable speed, management has decided that deeper surgery is needed, providing £9m to slash capacity.

The hope is that with other areas of materials handling pushing ahead a £1.88m divisional loss can be recovered in the second half, with up to £8m bottom-line benefits in a full year. The question remains, however, whether this will be enough to offset the German offshoot's exposure to the cement cycle, now in decline.

Group profits of £14m before exceptionals would put the shares at 148p, down 13p, on a forward p/e of 27. The shares are factoring in further recov-

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ery and a successful hid in the privatisation of Rosyth naval dockyard, which Babcock manages and which remains the hackbone of group profits. Victory could secure those until 2006, hat the shares are high enough.

#### **Bright shining** lights at TLG

Shares in TLG have had a storming rise since the flotation of Thorn EMI's former light fittings operations at 115p a year ago. Although down from a peak of 181p in October, investors have still locked in healthy gains even with the shares off 2p at 167p yesterday.

The £77m raised in the offer for sale wiped out buge debts huilt up at the time of the management buyout from Thorn in 1993, so it was hardly surprising that TLG would sparkle with its first full set of interim results as a listed company. Yesterday it duly turned in pre-tax profits of £11.4m for the six months to September, up from £4.4m before. The figures were accompanied by a maiden interim divi-

dend of 1.4p.

A better picture of the underlying state of trading is given by pre-interest profits, which rose from £9.6m to £12m. This is an impressive result, given that close to 60 per cent of sales are into the commercial property market, which in the UK remains in the doldrums.

The company has built a leading position in so-called specified business, where architects or electrical contractors choose a particular type of kit, rather than huying it straight off the wholesaler's shelf. Boosted by office refurbishment and new products. UK profits have responded accordingly. Operating profits in the core home market were up nearly an eighth.

In Germany, margins have been squeezed as the economy turns down and customers move towards lowerpriced, lower-specification fittings. This should eventually help the company to take advantage of its lower cost hase outside Germany to ship in product, but in the meantime price pressure continues to cause pain.

Longer-term, the Far East should provide opportunities. TLG has already seen a 20 per cent growth in sales to Hong Kong and mainland China this year so far, with margins a fat 8 per cent. Profits of £29.5m for the full year

would put the shares down 2p at 167p on a prospective multiple of 15. Reasonable value, although the 19 per cent stake still held by Investcorp, one of the buyout's original backers, could overhang the shares.

## Simon Pincombe CITY DIARY

## Flunkies caught between Rocco and a hard place

The future does not look comfortable for Sir Rocco Forte's finance flunkies. A successful Granada bid would see them under the command of Henry Staunton, the leisure group's finance director and one of the few people in the country

to play Eton Fives.

The game – which involves hurling a hard ball against walls with a gloved hand – dates back to the 1820s, when it was played between the flying buttresses of the Eton College Chapel. It is often associated in the proletarian mind with a censorious upbringing and regular birchings. In fact, Mr Staunton is not an Old Etonian. Rather, he went to Ipswich, one of the less elevated learning establishments, to play the game.

The Old Etonian former Governor of the Bank of England, Lord Kingsdown, was also a keen Fives player and has been campaigning for its revival (oddly it is the biggest participation sport in Nigeria, where the oppressed masses play with a tennis ball).

So how good is Mr Staunton? He has not been available for comment since the hid for Forte was launched. But his secretary confirms that he is righthanded. Unfortunately, this is a distinct disadvantage in Fives, Because of the way the court is shaped, the game is far easier for left-handers. Hence the high expectations of Prince William, should he ever recover from post-Panorama trauma

Defence fodder for the Forte camp in the quarterly Five Star Hotel Survey which shows the profitability of London's luxury hotels to be on the up. The average gross profit margin has risen 5 per

cent to 43 per cent says the accountants, Arthur Andersen, representing a sustained "It is likely that London

reach the heady levels of 1989/90," breezes Andersen partner Alex Kyriakidis. "All hut one of the luxury hotels participating in the survey showed an increase in revenue and gross operating All hut one? Which one?

the odd one out.

One for Mr Staunton and his birch rods, perhaps.

ther the Government nor the Opposition has actually read

Administrative horrors for the London hranch of the Confederation of British Industry, which has had the devil's own job in sorting out its Christmas party The employers' federation has been forced to change the venue twice (at extra cost) and is now saddled with the cavernous Café Royal for the bash on

This is because of the popularity of the guest speaker, Tony Blair. Apparently the CBI can't get enough of him and the London hranch has sold 650 tickets for the party. When Paddy Ashdown went he attracted just 220 revellers.

the Cadbury report on corporate governance. The star-

tling revelation emerges at yesterday's National Associa-

tion of Pension Funds' con-

ference when Geoff Lindey,

vestment committee and one

of report's co-authors, goes

had failed to address three

key areas," he said of the

Opposition. "Two of them

were in the report. The third

wasn't, but only because it

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chairman of the NAPF in-

Take Fives: easier for left-handers Photograph: Allsport

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hotel prices will once again

The cowering accountants will not say. But the betting is that while one hotel in the Savoy group boasts the highest room rates at £315 a night, the flag ship hotel is

The truth is out at last. Nei-

28 November to discover how the University of Oxford MBA is set to become a strong and vihrant force in shaping future manage-

ment," says the invitation.
One of the first lessons to learn in business is not to make important announcements while the Chancellor of the Exchequer is delivering his Budget.

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Principal address of the Applicant: Friars Gate, 1011 Stratford Road, Solihull, West Midlands

> Directors of the Applicant: John Merry, Michael Chaurin, Vincent Gosmand, Brum Herbert Leun

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Vryna Terlecky, Assistant Oirector, Passenger Services Regulation, Office of the Rail Regulator, 1 Waterhouse Square, 138-142 Holborn, London EC1N 2ST not later than 22 December 1995.

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Dated 24 November

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Unusual Gifts

#### The great corporate gover-■ nance handwagon shows every sign of having the brakes slammed on, at the behest of the Confederation of British In-

dustry, the Stock Exchange and the Institute of Directors. They do not want the conduct of directors to face yet another serious scrutiny from a report by the great and the good, in the wake of the upheavals caused

by the Cadbury Committee, and especially the Greenhury Committee on top pay.
The first brought a hig increase in disclosure and in the power and influence of non-executive directors; the second took this much further, and made remuneration committees of non-executive directors a new focus of power and influ-

ence on company boards. Sir Ronnie Hampel, chairman of the newly formed Cadhury Committee Mark II, shows every sign of having taken on board what Adair Turner, the CBI director-general, calls industry's "corporate governance fatigue". He made clear that his work will focus on consolidation,

not continuing revolution. Sir Ronnie, the chairman of ICI, believes that it will take at least two sets of annual reports to see bow Greenbury has bedded down. He has also sided with the CBI view that in some areas - such as smaller quoted companies – a certain amount of deregulation of the new rules might be desirable.

The Greenhury report was written in haste, under political pressure. Ever since, companies

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INDUSTRY VIEW

PETER RODGERS

have been discovering awkward new side-effects that did not leap from the page when they first read it.

Geoff Lindey, a City fund manager who was the National Association of Pension Funds representative on the Greenhury Committee, found another yesterday in a speech to the association's autumn conference. The most important Greenhury recommendation, he believes, is that the remuneration committee chairman

will attend the AGM to answer shareholders' questions on pay. The corollary is that before they can justify high pay, companies will first have to spell out the corporate performance objectives at which they are aiming. Very few now do. Mr Lindey says shareholders will ask questions, focusing managers' attention on performance in a way impossible before.

As this thought sinks in around British boardrooms. it will give new strength no doubt to the rearguard action against the report, which has already successfully delayed full incor-poration in the Stock Exchange listing rules and led to a row about pension disclosure.

But there is a more fundamental reason why the corporate governance bandwagon

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has probably rolled about as far as it can go for the moment. Non-executive directors have

exactly the same legal responsibility for stewardship of a company as executives. Yet the thrust of Cadbury and Greenbury has been to turn them into boardroom police, supervising executive directors on behalf of the shareholders. This is where the Greenhury

idea of a powerful non-executive remuneration committee, reporting over the heads of the rest of the board directly to shareholders, may rim into the huffers. It gives the non-executives a separate status they do not have in law, and is thus an attempt to embrace surreptitiously some of the better characteristics of Continental two-tier boards without admit-

ting they are a good idea.

As a fudge, this solution will work as long as nothing dramatic is expected of it. Such reforms are fine for well-run companies of the type in which Sir Ronnie and Sir Adrian Cadbury have spent their lives, and may even produce an improvement in the general perfor-mance and accountability of

Britisb business. But they are more than likely to break down where they are most needed - at companies un-

Cadbury bandwagon rolls to a halt der strain, where boards are in disarray and husinesses have

problems. Even at Cable & Wireless. hardly a corporate basket case. the supposedly influential nonexecutives do not appear to have grasped the extent of the row on

the board until it was too late. Perhaps the underlying reason business does not want to stir the corporate governaoce pot again is that the logical next step from the Cadhury and Greenbury reports would be to give legal reality to their attempts to create a special type of non-executive director-cum-

police officer. That might well lead to the imposition on an unwilling industry of a British version of the Continental two-tier boards. Business and the City are adamantly opposed to these, believing that they slow decisions and hlur accountability between owners and managers.

The Labour Party recently came close, with a proposal that remuneration committees should contain a wholly independent director representing sbareholders or employees. With an election looming, it is no wonder that husiness wants to put corporate governance on the back burner.

This is a serious tactical mistake, as Mr Lindey pointed out yesterday. Anything less than total enthusiasm for the present voluntary metbods of improving the conduct of boards could provoke legislation and that could bring anything - even two-tier boards.

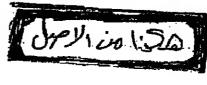
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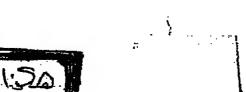
## Wace bags Ferry Pickering for £26m

Wace, the labelling and printing group, yesterday announced an agreed £26.2m offer for Ferry Pickering worth 195p a share. Wace said Ferry Pickering's range of specialist packaging and folding cartons would enhance its product range and enable the enlarged group to provide a better service to clients. Wace also said economic along the day agree to be a seried to be a special provided to the seried to the said August Albertah nomic slowdown had hit activity in July and August. Although trading in subsequent months had improved, it had so far not been sufficient to compensate.

#### Powell Duffryn shares slump on warning

Shares in Powell Duffryn slumped 74.5p to 480.5p after the transport to engineering conglomerate warned that its second half would be bit by trading problems. Pressure on car fuel margins as well as the unpredictable impact of the winter weather on oil and gas distribution would temper what should otherwise be a sound performance. First-half figures slumped to a £13m loss from a profit of £17m last time, weighed down by £30m in exceptional charges.







Inchcape, the international trading group, suffered an-other torrid session. The shares crashed 17.5p to 238p (after 226.5p) as worries about the group's trading performance and the possibility of a dividend

cut increased. A series of profit downgradings have unhinged the share price. On Wednesday NatWest Securities cut its profit forecast by £10m to £140m. The shares have fallen 59p this week and from 444.5p a year ago. They were 622p in 1993. The slide means the shares will almost certainly be kicked out of the FT-SE 100 m-

dex when it is reviewed oext Inchcape has been hit by the strength of the Japanese yen and the slowdown in the Japanese car industry. Its interim profits reversed from

British Airways, was appointed chairman, to take over from the retiring Sir David Plastow

at the end of the year. Inchcape was for long re-garded as an international trader in stock market classifications. But the Stock Exchange, to the company's dismay, decided it should be re-garded as a motor trader although much of its income comes from other operations.

As Inchcape willed, Vodafone, Wednesday's casualty, staged a modest recovery, up 6.5p to 222.5p. With most of the selling coming from the US, the cellular radio group's ap-parent strength probably stemmed from the absence of US activity with New York

The New York silence was one of the influences behind a



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Inchcape heads for Footsie exit as shares slide further

getting to the market. The latmakers were wrong footed, NP slumped 16p to 478p and PG 21p to 540p. Their targets were hit even harder; Midland est short circuit on the electricity pitch was the other major factor. fell 59p to 918p and Southern 62p to 913p. Other electrici-ties weakened. Newcomer Na-In late trading lan Lang. Trade and Industry Secretary, produced a Littlechild-style tional Grid fell 4p to 224p.

shock when he announced that the £1.956n offer by PowerGen for Midlands Electricity and National Power's £2.8m shot for Southern Electric would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Following the clearance of Scottish Power's acquisition of Manweb, the market had exed French bid, added 35p to 1,169p. Ferry Pickering the packaging group, stretched 24p to 194p as Wace, with a 195p offer, emerged as the

Forte put on 4.5p to 351p and Granada rose 4p to 653p. Cable and Wireless lost 13p to 453p as speculators snatched profits. The group is still seen to be a takeover candidate. Babcock International's problems in Germany left the shares 13p off at 148p.
Newcomer Tom Cobleigh.

pubs operator, closed at 191p from a 150p flotation level. Dorling Kindersley, the pubgroup, was another under the lisher, rose 24p to 528p as the ered its expectations for the Microsoft overhang was reprompted a £19m cut in next moved when the shares were year's group estimate to £154.6m. The shares lost 21p placed by Cazenove and Goldman Sachs at 5970.

Lloyds Chemists shaded 2p 248p as 7.1 million shares

British Sky Broadcasting rose 5p to 393p following investment meetings in Edin-burgh; Scottish & Newcastle was lowered 6p to 622p as Kleinwort Benson said sell.

Amec, the builder, jumped 21p to 99p with SBC Warburg mounting a dawn raid at 100p for 20 million shares. The buyer later emerged as Norway's Kvaerner group.

Polar, an electronics maker,

gained 52p to 430p following a bid from rivals Abacus, little changed at 2790.
London Clubs, the casino

group, was firm at 409p. There could be as high as £30m, the figure some analysts expect for

Northamber, the computer group, rose 12p to 254p ahead of next week's figures but Waverley Mining fell 4p to ke full con-

BTG, which was originally created 15 years ago by the merger of two Government research organisations, rose

28p to 618p. The shares were floated at 225p in the sum-mer. The group, which nurses a wide range of intriguing developments, will remain as a 5.5 per cent shareholder in Peptide Therapeutics, a bio pharmaceutic group, which is coming to market through a placing at 220p. The issue is expected to attract a strong and. Dealings are due to

goods and stationery group rumoured to be near a maj acquisition, has attracted the support of the Williams Holdings Pension Fund, It has picked up more than 3 million shares lifting its stake to 4.2 per cent. The shares beld at 8.5p.

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terim profits reversed from f125.5m to f18.6m. Earlier this month Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of	the FT-SE 100 index down	pected the generators' bids to be wave through.  In the resultant turmoil, with backwardations as market	Legal & General continued to gather takeover support, up 11p to 706p while Northum- brian Water, on the long await-	to 248p as 7.1 million shares were placed by Merrill Lynch at 244p. The shares came from an institution.	but Waverley Mining fell 4p to 3 million shares lifting its 98p on the plan to take full control of the Monktonhall coal mine in Scotland.
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**GREG WOOD** 

The most sought-after square yard of leather in racing was finally filled yesterday when Mark Dwyer was booked to ride One Man, the hot favourite, in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury tomorrow. Dwyer became available when Jodami. the 1993 Gold Cup winner, was unexpectedly scratched from the race, and with so many other leading jockeys cither injured, suspended or spoken for, his switch to One Man

was almost a formality. Gordon Richards, Onc. Man's trainer, deserves some complimentary shares from British Telecom after fielding calls in recent days from every member of the weighing room, up to, and probably including, at Kelso on Monday.

Beaumont said: "We always Beaumont said: "We always and we

the experience and talent to slip smoothly into the boots of Tony Dobbin, sidelined by a fall on Monday. The grey is now as short as 11-8 to follow up his success in last year's Honnessy at Newbury tomorrow.

Peter Beaumont's reasoning in deciding to bypass the Hennessy with Jodami will give considerable encouragement to One

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Steadfast Elite (Bangor 1.20) NB; Be Warned (Southwell 2.40)

Man's backers. Jodami was beaten seven lengths by One Man when both made their seasonal debuts at Ayr two weeks ago but, despite being 4lb better at the

beat One Man at the weights, though it might be different at level weights, and we have decided to go for something a little hit quieter." His opinion is shared by

Dwyer, a Hennessy winner on Gulway Blaze in 1985 and second on Jodami three years ago. 'Spare rides don't come much better," he said yesterday. "I thought One Man would win the Hennessy when I finished second to him up at Ayr. I sat on him for the first time today and had a canter on him this morning. I've seen a few videos of his wins and it is just a case of trying to familiarise oneself with him as best one can."

One Man is 11-8 favourite tfrom 6-4) with William Hill for tomorrow's race. They then bet: 9-2 Rough Quest, 5-1 Earth though, is one of the few with had the option of Kelso and we Summit, 7-1 Couldnt Be Better, a fortnight ago.

One better: Mark Dwyer, from the disadvantage point of the pursuing Jodami, watches his Hennessy Gold Cup partner, One Man, jumping to victory at Ayr two weeks ago

Photograph: Dan Abraham/Sporting Life

10-1 Black Humour, 12-1

Young Hustler, 14-1 har. As if the hints about One Man's chance were not enough. at Carlisle yesterday when another grey chaser from Penrith, The Grey Monk, won his second race over fences every hit as impressively as his first, at Ayr

He already seems certain to be a serious contender at the Festival next March, but the same may not be true of Cal-Richards provided further evi-denee of his stable's well-being novice hurdlers. Oliver Sherlisoe Bay, one of last year's best wood's highly-regarded young chaser atoned somewhat for a fall on his fencing debut at ner and a 12-1 chance for next Cheltenham when winning at Unoxeter yesterday, but was far from fluent.

SOUTHWELL

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HYPERION

12.20 Barrel Of Hope 12.45 Berge 1.10 Blue

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DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 51.

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Recocourse to 3 rules south-cast of town and 5 rules west o Newark at Rolleston. Rolleston Junction adjoins the course. AD MISSION: Cub 51th; Tattersells 56 (OAP members of course.)

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The Grey Monk's victory helped to keep Richards' strikerate this season at more than 40 per cent, but rude health is not so conspicuous at Charles Egerton's stable. Egerton an-nounced yesterday that Mysilv. the 1994 Triumph Hurdle winyear's Champion Hurdle, will miss the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle tomorrow.

"I was not happy with her blood this morning and her coat does not look as well as normal," the trainer said. "One or two of mine are getting a little cough hut it is nothing serious. I suppose she will go straight to Cheltenham for the Bula Hurdle, where she will be Large Action's pacemaker." Egerton's sense of humour, at least, is fighting fit.

2.10 FOY & CO NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS

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3.40 IRIS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4.400 added 1m 6f (AW)

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## Hall in warning to the amateur

**Sports Politics** 

Sir John Hall, the man behind the sporting revolution at New-castle United, yesterday warned the guardians of English sport that they faced "hattles" ahead if they did not accept a shift in the halance of power.

He told a conference that amateur administrators could no longer expect to have the field to themselves and that the only way to ensure success in the 21st century was for them to form a partnership with professional entrepreneurs.

Sir John, who has transformed the fortunes of Newcastle United and now plans to do the same with Newcastle rughy club, was addressing the Central Council of Physical Recreation at Market Bosworth, Warwickshire.

"Ruling bodies have not learned to keep pace and I can't allow the amateur to run my husiness," he said. "You can no longer expect to have 100 per cent of power. Sport here has a great future if there is this partnership.

"If not, we shall challenge you and your rules in the courts and there will be battles."

Sir John also predieted that more millionaires would be willing to move into senior rug-by clubs if given the right encouragement.

The problem, Sir John maintained, was that national sports administration was so fragmented.

"There are so many different bodies that I find it utterly confusing who to go to," he said.

#### **South Africa's** Olympic hope disappears

Hockey BILL COLWILL

reports from Cape Town

South Africa's dreams of returning to the Olympics ended here yesterday when they lost 2-1 to China. They join Cana-da as the second of the three teams who will miss out.

Elimination was hard on the Springbok women. The Chinese winning goal came with just 27 seconds remaining, killing off a South African fightback in which they had equalised after going a goal down in two minutes. On Wednesday they had lost to a similarly late strike by Germany that television action replays showed was allowed even though the ball had not been touched by a German in the shooting circle.

Nor were the South Africans too pleased with Chinese gamesmanship when they changed goalkeepers in a tactic that left the home striker Lindsey Carlisle waiting four minutes to take a penalty stroke won during a period when the Chinese were under sustained pressure. In the end Carlisle hit a tame stroke, which was saved. The Springbok coach, Kelly Fairweather, described the incident as a "débacie"

Canada collected their first win of the tournament with a surprise 1-0 win against the Dutch. Results, Sporting Digest, page 31

#### Slick Davis moves into semi-finals

Salling STUART ALEXANDER

Rod Davis, the Olympie gold and silver medallist and America's Cup skipper, was once again in devastating form for the preliminary rounds of the Stein-lager World Championship of March Racing in Auckland, winning 13 of his first 14 races

in the double round-robin. He will be joined in the semifinals by France's reigning world ehampion, Bertrand Pace, who notehed up 10 wins. The chas-ing group is led by America's Ed Baird on eight victories.

Beating the Kiwis on the same water at the weekend was the British team of Richard Sydenham, Adam May and Ian Williams from Exe Sailing Club, who won gold in the World Youth Match Racing Championships for the second year in succession.

Looking forward to the next
America's Cup in 1999/2000, the

Kiwis announced there will only he one defence syndicate, which allows them to build up to four new boats, compared with a maximum of two for each of a group of challenging syndicates.

Two boats with all-male and all-female crews, backed by EF Education, will form a £10m Swedish bid to win the next Whitbread Round the World race.

## Grain takes it easy as Tokyo test approaches

Pure Grain, aiming to become only the second British-trained was eased slightly with the winner of the Japan Cup, did news that Lassigny, the Rothnorhing more than a light canter yesterday under her exercise rider, John O'Brien.

NEWBURY

1.00 Kilcoran Bay (nb)

1.30 Bertone

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The Michael Stoute-trained may miss the race.

HYPERION

GOING: Good.

ILeft-hand course with stiff fences.

Recessure is south-east of town near A31, Rulway station (service from London, Parkington) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members \$13: Tattervalle \$8; Silver Ring \$3 (OAPshalf price). CAR PARK: Free; Pienic area \$3 per car plus \$3 per person.

\*\*LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: D Nicholson = 24 winners from 106 runners gives a success ratioof 22.6% and a loss to a 51 keel stake of 521.11; N J Benderson = 21 winners, 93 runners, 21.2%, 57.41; O Sherwood = 18 winners, 68 runners, 20.5%, 52.14; M C Pipe 17 winners, 77 runners, 22.1% +54.46.

\*\*LEADING JOCKEYS: R Durnwoody = 18 winners, 140 rides, 25%, 548.15; J Onborne = 38 winners, 149 rides, 25.5%, 57.10, A Magaire = 19 winners, 120 rides, 11.8%, +59.05; P Holley = 13 winners, 83 rides, 20.6%, +52.05.

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS; Nate.

LONG-DISTANCE PUNNERS: Summerhill Special (2.001 has been sent 173 miles by Mrs N Duffield from Acmouth; Fortitude Star (3.30) has been sent 148 miles by Mrs R H-inderson from PullyGate, Devon.

FRESHMAN'S JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS C)

£4,750 added 3YO 2m 110yds Penalty Value £3,880

OXFORDSHIRE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added

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main memory of him last season relates to the day, at Warwick in January, when he was
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be sharper for his correbbook run at Chellenham two weeks back and gate 9th from Bertone,
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2.30 OLD BREDGE (nap)

3.00 Winsford Hill

mans International winner trained in America by Bill Mott, has a hruised foot and

Pure Grain's hig-race partner, John Reid, takes over in the saddle for a more vigorous workout this morning.

The other European runners - Carling and Hernando from

- also had their first taste of Tokyo racecourse yesterday.

Corat: 4-1 Hystu Amazon, 9-2 Nanta Brian, 6-1 Daneson, Senopa, 10-1 Pure Grain, 12-1 Awad, Hemando, Lassigny, Matikane-tarmeuser, 14-1 Royce & Royce, Taki Biz-zord, 20-1 Carling, Lando, Nice Nature, 33-1 others.

France, and Germany's Lando ESKIMO NEL looks an improving sort judged on the way she best Tejano Gold at Warwelk last time. She is upped in grade and higher in the ratings, but she has a genuine outbook and girst a stone from Neassins who is capable of good form at two mises but might be best over two and a half. His batest on was in the Tote Salver Trophy Handscap Hurdle at Chepstow when sorth to Jidber The Nebert. Markus returned from a langiny lay-off to run second to Lightening Lad on that same Chepstow cord and that was encouraging. The balance of his form suggests he has been harshly treated in being raised 7(b), but he gists in here with the racing weight of 10st 10s, Nahri tooks a tough cooke, having legit on with in today looking conditions to best New line comfortably at Leicester last time. He needs nudging along, but does respond and is another with a low weight. He will stay further. Southnampton responded gamely to pip Tejano Gold at Worcester last time, but a time through that one suggests that Eskimo Nel might win that battle, while Wild Strawbarry has yet to be out of the first two in eight hunding attempts and has a weight that will suit her, given that she is on the small side.

Selection: ESkiMO NEL

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3		ENSY BUCK (231) (D) U P M & J W Cook) N Invision-Coves 8 11 11
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ding. He will need to jump well to win a fairly competitive race such as this in a big field, but there will probably be a good pace on, which will need bring his staying power into play. Our Kirls, another staying type and a handicap winner this year, is a half-brother to a moderate winning hundred and cost 20,000 girs out of Guy Harwood's yeld at the Newmarket Autumn Sales. He improved on previous form to win a 14-furling Newmarket handicap last month and Nich Henderson will get the best from him. Lisothto has won claimars over medite-distances in France and is worth noting for market interest on his first run for Maron Pipe.  Selection: TIBETAN	9 0.539 MICK THE UMBK (23) IS F Larestown Record M Hesson-Eas 5 10 4	

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TENNIESSEE TWIST has had three weeks to recover from the exercions of his hurdles debut at Chaptow when a fine second to a useful-holoing home, Pleasure Shared, with Tour Leader fourth. Chaptow can be a lung-hursting course when the rain girst in, as was evident there on Wednesday, so Tennessee Twist is going to make a good stoyer and has a decent chance here. Barroost, a neck second to Storm North at Worcester (2m), should stay three miles and can improve, while the winning lists pointer Ode8 is worth watching, woodford Guile, Yahani and Hermitte Dia Manolir here shown vaying degrees of promise and the weit-bred Yahani looks sure to win a race before long after his four-length Windenton second to the highly-rated See More Business.

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£103.90. 2.10: 1. THE GREY MONK (B Harding) 2.7 fav. 2. Soibn 8.1; 3. Rocharisane 14-1.7 ran. dist. 14. (G Richards). Totas £1.10; £1.20, £2.80. DF: £4.40. CSF: £3.61.



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Placepot: £30.90.

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1.00: 1. NAWWER HINTER (J A McCarty)
9-4 lay; 2. Blair Castle 5-2: 3. Douce Maisson 11-2: 24 ram. 11. 8. (C Egrano, Chaddeworth). Total: 53. 40; £1.60, £1.50.
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2. Hendson 20-1; 3. Castle Chico 11-1.
14 ran. 7, 20. (M Pipe, Welfragna). Total: £1.60; £1.10, £5.70, £2.90. DF: £20.40.
CSF: £1.47.9. Trio: £35.10.
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3-1: 2. Miss Capital 7-4 fav; 3. Nocapitals 4-1. 8 ras. 24, 6. (I. Pearce, Newranker), Totals: 53.70; £2.00, £1.80, DF;
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RUGBY LEAGUE'S NEW HORIZONS: Australian influx threatens to raise London's status, as Dave Hadfield reports, while below, an England international mines South African potential

# **Broncos** bucking the trend



themselves as a successful part of the capital's sporting scene.

Although they announced this week that Charlton Athletic's ground at The Valley is to be their home for the remainder of this season and their first in the Super League. it is in two stadiums on the op-posite side of London that the more immediate dramas will be played out.

Comorrow they meet Halifax in the third round of the Regal Trophy at The Stoop. Eight days later, there is talk of a full house at Brentford for the visit of Wigan in the league.

These are exciting, if sometimes confusing times in the chequered history of rugby league in London, this chapter of have of getting a big audience," began

up shop at 'It's important Craven Cottage in 1980 and con- that we tinued when the Brisbane Bron- perform and cos took over an ailing club two get results.

eent of the Brisbane Broncos and now owns 75 per cent of the a very entertaining sort of it has been tougher than he

imagined to get this far. We have offered six-figure sums to soccer clubs and they haven't wanted to know." he says. But now that we have got a real home at The Valley, we can get out into the streets and the schools and tell people

"Once people come to the games, it's very easy to make them converts. Getting publicity in London is a struggle,

Brishane Broncos up from 3,000 to 44,000 and we will be difference between our game

Maranta's hest marketing tool is the expansive style of rughy that the Broncos have been

This is a critical time in the London Broncos playing. Since they brought in a crop of Australian players several notches up from the usual London blend of hack-packers and lower-graders, they have produced some dazzling dis-

A gifted young pair of half-backs from Brishane, Leo Dynevor and Ben Walker, have been highly influential, but perhaps the one signing that shows that the Broncos really mean husiness is that of Paul Hauff.

To call Hauff an imposing player would be an understatement. He is 6ft 8in. fast, agile, has played full-back for both Queensland and Australia and, at 25 with much of his best rugby in front of him, has thrown in his lot with London rather than carrying on with

Yes, they are exciting times here, and the next couple of weeks are the best chance we'll he says. "It's very

like winners.

Even Barry People always Maranta, who sold up his 25 per like winners

London operation, admits that game. Hauff says. "In fact, we only know one way to play and sometimes it can catch us out. But it depends on the type of players you have. We've got blokes with a hit of flair and they just want to throw the ball out all the time."

That can create all manner of opportunities for a rangy giant ke Hauff chiming in from fullback, and it brought him no less than eight tries in his first four games for the cluh. "I've had a bit of a drought the last couple partly because rugby union oc- of games," he says. "Other cupies a place in London's teams watch the way you play mentality that I don't think it de- and start to read whal your playmakers are doing. As a runner,

"But we will do it. We got the I rely a lot on those players." From a players' point of view, Hauff welcomes the news of a marketing very heavily on the permanent home, even if it represents something of a horwith two other Broncos, in Edg-

"We will start to get some



home advantage now. So far, ground must be, given the hisevery game has been like an

Their nomadic existence has ror drive from his house, shared taken the Broncos into some invigorating brand of rugby to strange places, of which to- a new audience, the players and morrow's venue for the last of members of one of rugby their games at the Harlequins'

tory of the two codes, the to admit to it, they were fasci- that in their game. nated by the way we play the strangest. It gave them, Marangame," he says. ta says, a chance to take their

"Much as they wouldn't like in. They don't have anything like "We're confident about the at-

tractions of our code. We know "John Gallagher, who used to it's better than that rubbish play for us and is now with Har- against South Africa last weeklequins, told us that they were end. We want to be compared wincing every time a hig hit went and contrasted. We welcome it."

# Age holds no barriers to barbells

t an age when most peo-ple are window-shoplooking at sheltered accommodation or thinking that Malta may be a hit lively for their holidays, John Gallacher is planning to lift a legendary boulder weighing considerably more than three old ladies and the lavatory. He intends to do this for the

same reason as a dog licks its bottom: because he can. Heaving almost 500th off the ground is remarkable enough for a 64-year-old grandfather anyway. It's all the more extraordinary when you meet the man once described as "probably the strongest Scot who ever lived". Far from being an ageing colossus, Gallacher looks, frankly, a bit of a squirt. He is just 5ft 8in, scales a mere 12 stone 81b and whispers rather than bellows - scarcely the stuff

of legends. Yet Gallacher, who is still among the country's top powerlifters despite his advanced years, is living proof that the weak can not only inherit the

earth, but can even lift it a few inches. As a child, he was so sickly that he spent months off school pneumonia,

pleurisy asthma. Health handicaps like that would have been bad enough in Hampstead, hut Gallacher lived in the Gorbals area of Glas-Doctors would not live to teenager. If dis-

him, then the wee hard men came his salva- John Gallacher

ease didn't get

tion. He sought refuge in libraries, reading books on strongmen, psychology and hypnosis. He started a telephone directory. To my to believe he could get better and it worked. At 15, he oined a weightlifting club. At first, he could hardly lift the bar. Four years later, he was stronger than the Scottish weightlifting champion. He could juggle with 56th weights, bend iron hars and hreak chains around his chest. For afters, he lifted a 16 stone policeman above his head and

held him there with one hand, hlow up hot-water bottles and invited people to hit him in the chest with a sledgehammer. He even convinced his 11-year-old sister, a sub-five stone waif, that it is all in the mind. Soon she was breaking six-inch nails in half. "This power is within everyone," he says. His most famous feats were makeshift rooms where he lives

even more spectacular. Outside an Aberdeen hotel are the Dinnie Stones, named after Donald Dinnic, a 19th century Scottish showman who was the only man to have lifted them. Gallacher, weighing just like the way that the media I1 stone 7lb, picked up the larger granite boulder weighing 448lb, with such ease and carried it across a stage that the 6ft 7in Highland Games champion, who was there as the main attraction, refused to compete against him. He followed this by picking up the Inch Bell. The 182lh



McRae becor the stee

Thomas Inch, an Edwardian strongman who toured the world offering £200 to anyone who could lift the weight, had such a thick bar that it was impossible to grip properly. But Gallacher lined it up to his waist three times, and he still regrets that he did not think of lifting it above his head.

Then Gallacher lost interest in feats of strength. He went into business, got married, had a family, toured the world. Back in the UK, he moved to Poole, Dorset, and set up a hypnotherapy business, giving oth

of his lesson: for success. "I call myself

an inspirational psychologist. When people come lo see me, they have often nope." he savs. "It can take a while but the power to change is within everyone. That might

be the end of the story. But a Geoff Capes took his strongman show to Bournemouth invited all-corners to he- Powerlifting grandfather lacher

hadn't done it for years, but I thought I might be able to tear surprise, I tore up four, three

bent iron bars, too. Soon he was back in the gym. In 1991, he won the British, European and World Championships in his class, breaking the world record with a 240kg deadlift. Injury prevented him from defending the little, but in 1993 he returned to Aberdeen to lift the larger Dinnie Stone again several times so TV cameras could gel a shot from the right angle. His wife, Christine, says: "What shakes everyone is that he is not a big person. It gives people a sense of. Maybe I could do something like that

Gallacher, who trains three times a week, believes he is getting stronger. Illness (he has had bouts of yuppie flu for years) may slow him down, but he foresees himself lifting weights well into his seventies, and says: "I would like to keep improving. My best squat is 4301h and I'm sure I can beat

He even wants to hring the World's Strongest Man contest to Poole and turn Sandhanks beach into a British version of Muscle Beach. It may sound daft, but would you argue with a little old man who can still lift a 56lh weight with his little

# Children who put the game into perspective

So far life has been very good what was goung to be waiting for to me. Playing with the great Wigan side, representing Great Britain and England and now Widnes, has been putting his the challenge of a new life in Australia with the Sydney City Roosters, with the luxury of a second home in Bondi: I'm grateful for all of it.

I knew that I was lucky, but never quite how lucky until I took on the biggest challenge of my life - coaching rugby league to youngsters in the notorious townships of South Africa. It is an experience that will linger forever in my mind.

Along with Brian Foley, the youth coach at the Wigan St Patrick's club, we went into places you only ever hear of as of an open wagon, unsure of

PICK OF THE DAY

THIS WEEKEND / Climbing

The Snow and Rock Climbing World Cup at the National Indoor

Arena, Birmingham, this weekend is the third and penultimate round of the world series and the com-

petition remains open. Last year in the men's event the Frenchman François Lombard deposed his countryman François Legrand,

winner of the previous four years. This term they are in ninth and fifth

respectively. Domestic hopes tie with Ian Vickers, the British No 1

who has not competed so far in the World Cup, but has already won the ESPN Masters in the States, an invitation event involving the

world's leading 26 men. The French dominate this indoor circuit, with Amaud Petit leading tha men's Cup, while Laurence Guy-

on is the women's leader. Robyn Erbesfield, last year's victor from

the United States, lies second with another Frenchwoman, Liv Sansoz.

another Frenchwoman, Liv Sansoz. How to get there: National Indoor Arans, King Eward's Road, Birmegham, Juncton 6 of Md and the Arana is signocised from the A38(M). (Box Office 0121 200 2222). Tickets: today 55 adults; £2.50 chuldren under-16: £4.50 stutients;(0APs. Tomorrow £8.50; £3; £7.65. Sunday £11.50 (upper tier), £13.50 (fewer); £4.55: £10.35, £12.15. Rover ticket; £22 hdts; £7.50 children Christong teams at 10am each day, with the finals on Sunday.

World Cup

Birmingham

Dave Southern, from energy into this work for several years and over 3,000 youngsters have been exposed to the game as a result. We would he all right, even in areas where the crime statistics make those in New York pale by comparison, he assured us. They would recognise the wagon and know that we were there to help.

What he did not tell us was that Monica, a voluntary worker from England who has been helping out on the project, had been stopped at gun-point in Alexandra and had her vehicle car-jacked from her a few days hostile and unsafe on the hack earlier. Had we known that, we would have been even more ap-

TOMORROW
FOOTBALL: FA Caring Premiership, Endsleigh
League and Scottish League programmics.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Regal Trophy third round: London Broncos v Halifai (Harlequins RFC, 3.0).

don Broncos y Haiffar (Harteguins RFC, 3.0). RUGBY URRON: Tour Marches: Cambridge Unversity y Western Samos (3.0); Learney's Y Transvall (2.30). CIS Divisional Championship: North y London (Walaefiel, 2.30); South-West y Midlands (Gloucester, 3.0). Heinelvern Welsh Lasgue. Tennent Scottesh Championship: North y McCatex: Mer's Immensional: Great Britan y Argentina (Houristow HC, 2.0). Admission by programme £2. Hockey (club, Chamech Boat House, Dukes Meadows, Chismick, London W4. (19.0181) 994 88127. Women's Netional Lesgue programme.

Tattersalls ES: Course E5. 112.301.
BD0gNC: WBV Super-middlewagfil champonship: WBV Super-middlewagfil champonship: Steve Collins (Dublin, nolder) v Cornelus Carr (Middlestrough) ffire Point, Dublini. Commonwealth (sprinsel); championship: Billy Schwer (Linch, holder) v Dawd Tetteh (Grave) (Dagenham). Toldest: £40 migside, £30, £20. The promotion starts at Gparl. Goresbrook Leisure Centre, Riople Road, Dagenham, £3-5ea, is on A13. (Fel: 0.183, 593 5870).
CANDEING: Wild Water Race (Ashburton). The Division A races on the River Dart this week-and have been cancelled because of the low wester level.



England's Phil Clarke has found a visit to South Africa to coach in townships the perfect antidote to his World Cup final disappointment

prehensive than we were. I also asked myself whether I was going to be able to do anything worthwhile for the children I was supposed to work with. Our first day put my mind at

We were in a Catholic orphanage in the township of Vaal, run by an Irish priest called Father Terry, who has been there for the last 20 years. The person there I will always remember is three-year-old

SUNDAY
POOTBALL: FA Carling Premiership: Arsenal v
Brackburn (4.0). Endeleigh League First Offsion: Brimmelyam v Lateister (2.55); Wattord
v Norwich (2.55). Second Division: Carlisle v
Wycornibe (3.0). Thard Division: Hereford v Cardiff
(12.0). Seothish Occa-Cola Cup finel: Aberdeen
v Dundee Hismoden Park, 3.1.5).
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NOTEST WINDAY CIS Insurance County Chemiptonship Middands Pool One: Warwickshire v
Notts, Lincs and Deeby (Rugby, 3.0).
HOCKET: Men's Nabroral League programme.
CYCLO-CROSS: Greeter London Open Chemiptonships (Chypdron). Ruger Hammond, the detending champion, combines his assessor's tussie with Barnet Caster, the nabonal champion, white
David Baller, Geny Foord, Steve Douce and Tim
Gould, winner of the National Trophy series rack
last month, Indust the professional challenge

Gould, where or the National Trophy sense ract last month, mount the professional challenge in the International status event. A strong Dutch team, led by by Enc Veneleien and a Beigian squaid, captained by the former amateur world champon fluid. Thielmans, provide the tough edge for the British and England squads. The course at Addington Hale is unfongiving for the inter but good for spectating with spectacular drops and climbs. Programme: 10,45am Open Mountain Bide Champonships; pinn Open Schoolboysighis champonships; profram international, Adding-Championships; profram international, Adding-

Faith, who was suffering from malnutrition and called me Father Philip, because he assumed

I was a priest. I lifted him up, just as I had hoped to lift the World Cup at Wembley. My reward then was a loser's medal, this time a smile. Talk about restoring your

union's most pukka clubs.

We coached the skills of the game that day to over 100 children and their eye-to-hand coordination and agility were a

ton Hills, is one mile east of Croydon centre. Other revents: Midland League (Lichfield). 10am, 1.30gm. Catton Park is five miles north of Lichfield, Stafforderine, near Watton upon Tent. North-Eastern League (Houghon te Sprag. 10am, noon-Hetton Ligons Cyding Chrotit. Tyne and Wear, is two miles otting the Houghon to Sundetland road. ASC Centreville Plochdele). noon, 1.15gm. Mandale Park is one mile north-east of Rochdele town centre on ASS Halifa. road. Somer valley CC (Bath). 1.15gm. Schodele town Playing Fields, is off ASO42 Prome road, 1½ miles from objective. Salishup RC (Romsey). 11am, noon. Pratts Farm, Burny Lane, Timsbury, is two miles north of Romsey, Hampshire, on ASOT Stochhidge mad. Abertymon RC (Senghenydd). 10.45gm. 11.30gm. The course is between Senghenydd and Nelson, Mid-Glamongan, to the north. Jonathan Boble Memorad Cross (Leeds). 10.30am. 1.30gm. Temple Newsen Park is next to ASS Seiby road on the east ade of Leeds.

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ROWING: Perpetual British Indoor Champsonshus (Reading). Matthias Sejtowski, the world indoor record holder from 2.500 metres and world champson, leads the record entry of 215 competitions. Sejtowski's previous epipessance at the British championshups was in 1992 when he edged out Greg Searle to win the Blue Riband men's open trule. His task this year may prove more difficult as the race distance has been shortened to 2,000m to fall into line with the Olympic rowing distancia and has will make racing closer. Competitions wheat start at 10em, with the first final at 12.12pm and the men's open final scheduled for 4.50pm. Secations is the. Rivermead Laksure Complex, Richfield Avenue, Pleading, is close to Caversham Bridge. (Tel: 01734 504345).

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POOTBALL (7.30 umlese stated): Monday:
FA Caring Premierabjp: Notingham Prest
v Manchester Utd (8.0), Auto Windscreens
Shald second mund: Northern section: Don-caster v Note County, GM Vaunthall Confes-ence: Hednesford v Stalybridge (T.45).

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pleasant surprise. At the end, we gave them rugby shirts donated by the players and parents of communicating in the various Wigan St Pat's under-16s and languages spoken in Alexandra. the looks on their faces were He took us to his home, the two worth the whole trip.

The next few days took us to a series of coaching clinics, which have left me with a host ters get delivered to places like of memories. There was Sipho. an 11-year-old from a shanty in Alexandra, who wore his Wigan shirt with such pride and assured us, with equal pride, that he was best player around. He was good, very good. Ex-

traordinarily courageous, he just went for the line every time, no matter what. But that was almost the norm among kids who showed such a burning desire to play the game. Then there was Vincent, an

screens Shield second round: Northern sec-tions Chesterfield v Rohdsie: Hull v Bladspool; Lincola v Preston; Rotherham v Wiger; Scun-thorpe v York: Wrasham v Carleie. Southern Section: Zirentord v Fulham 17.45; Bristol Rovers v Bournamouth; Cardiff v Northernpton; Orderd Utri v Coldrester (7.45); Plesthorough v Swanseo (7.45); Shrewsbury v Bristol City; Walsall v Brighton (7.45). SMV washall Con-ference: Spelding Cup second round: Fam-borough v Dover (7.45); Netturng v Stewansge (7.45); Macclesfield v Kiddemninster (7.45); Specom v Southpool (7.45); Shrewshy.

(7.45); Macclesfield v Kiddemünster (7.45); Runcom v Southport (7.45); Slough v Wolking (7.45); Wednesday: Cock-Cola Cup fourth round: Arsensi v Sheffield Wol (7.45); Asson Villa v Queen's Park Rangers (7.45); Asson Villa v Queen's Park Rangers (7.45); Leeds v Blackburn (7.45); Liverpool v Newcastle (7.45); Middlesbrough v Birmingham (7.45); Norwich v Botton (7.45); Wolverhampton v Covertry (7.45); Auto Windscreens Stifeld assonar condt: Northern seation: Crave v

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Championathy: Midlands semi-finals: North Midlands v Staffordsher (Stouthridge, T.30). Northern Group: Cheshre v Yorlshre (Side, 7.15). Cito Misishers Printpool v Cardif (7.0); Portyondd v Maesteg (7.0): South Wales Police v Abpravon (T.0). Wednesday: CIS Series Tour Match; London and South East v Western Samos (Twickenham, 2.0). Rapresostative Match: Royal Ney v New Zelland Army (Rectory, T.30). Citab Matchess: Cambridge Univ v Steele-Bodge's XV (3.0); Treorchy v Fairwater (T.0).

dren's futures. It all puts losing a World Cup into perspective. JUST THE TICKET: a weekly guide to what's on where for the sporting spectator RACING: Monday: WOLVERMAREFUN (WI): Members £15; Grandstand £8. (2.10). Worcestur: Members £12; Tattessals £9; Course £4.50 (AAPs £2.25). (12.50). Kelson: Cub. £10: Tattersals £6 (AAPs £3, accompanied under-15s feet). (1.0). Treedeny: Forlevell: Cub. £12; Juneo Cub. (12 to 15-year-olds) £2, under-12s free; Tattersals £8. (2.15). Newcastilis: Cub. £12 (AAPs £6, 18 to 20-year-olds) £2, under-16s feet): Tattersals £9 (AAPs £6, 18 to 20-year-olds) £3, under-16s fiet): Tattersals £9 (AAPs £6, 18 to 20-year-olds): E3, under-16s fiet): Tattersals £6; Course £2. (12.50). Thursday: LINGFIELD (AW): as Wednesdey. (11.51). Lelecester: Cub. £12; Tattersals £6; Silver Ring £4. (10.50). Holly: SOUTHWELL, (AW): Cub. £12; Tattersals £6; Silver Ring £4. (10.50). Fidely: SOUTHWELL, (AW): Cub. £12; Tattersals £6; Silver Ring £4. (10.50). Fidely: SOUTHWELL, (AW): Cub. £12; Tattersals £6; Silver Ring £4. (10.50). Fidely: SOUTHWELL, (AW): Cub. £12; Tattersals £6; Silver Ring £4. (10.50). NEXT WEELSEND

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There were disappointments,

failed to turn up for a session

that was arranged to publicise

the work Dave is doing. It

shows the uphill struggle that he

I'm back in Bondi now, hut

the whole experience has taught

me a great deal. Sport can do so much to improve those chil-

has faced and still faces

NEXT WEEKEND

RUGBY UNION: Saturday: Tour Match: Mun-ster vi Transmal (Cork. 2.30). CIS Insurance Series Tour Metch: Midlands vi Western Samoa (Locester, 3.0). Divisional Championiship: London v South-West (Sumbury, 2.30). Herneker West League. Fernients Scomsti Championship First Division. RACIVE: Saturday: WOLVERNAMPTON (AW): as Monday, 11.50). Cheptstore: Cub £13; Tat-tersalls £9 (CAPs £4). (1.0). Sandown: Cub £15, Jamor Cub £16-£5yrs) £13; Grandstand and Peddock £12; Siver Pring £5, 11.250. Tow-cester: Members £12; Tattonsalls £8; Course

£4 (Car plus all occupants £15), (12.55), Wetherby: Cub £12 (accompanied under 16s free), Tattersalls £7; Course £2 (OAPs £1) (cars, including up to four adults £6), (12.40). Plan ahead The World Alpine Cup continues this

The World Aloine Cup continues this weekend at the ski resort of Park City in Utah, Unted States, where the slaiom and giant stalom specialists will perform. From here to the World championships in Span, the Up finals in Lifeharmer the following month and next month's start of the World Freestyle Cup, the choice abounds to watch the world's leading siders.

Graham Bell carries the flag in downhill and super-G for the men's British Alpine team, though Andrew Freshwater, Dan Welker and Roger Welker, from the Europe Cup team, will fill the second place on form. Emma Carrick Anderson combines her slatom and gant slatom season with technical recing, in the freestyle events, Flichard Cobbing and Kevin Harbut continue in the senals discipline, while Nathan Gardner and Enc Knight will perform in the mogula and Vicki Simpson in the zero, formerly known as ballet.

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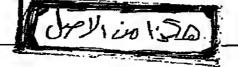
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# Rangers still hampered by domestic ambition

Where do Rangers go from here? The Glasgow club have the last seven years, but their failure to make an impression in the Champions' League has placed them firmly at a crossroads where they will have to decide in which direction their

They have proved without estion that they are at the top of the Scottish tree, but again have been found wanting in the European arena, the very area where David Murray, the chair-

against Steaua Bucharest at Ibrox on Wednesday killed off their hopes for another season, although they did have the consolation of reaching the Champions' League itself after coming

through the preliminary round against Famagusta of Cyprus. In other seasons they have fallen at the first hurdle, although their appearance in the league sections this time mereughlighted inadequacies in the Rangers side which are seldom exposed in domestic foot-

can achieve only limited success, and those Rangers supporters who roundly cheered John Brown for his crunching tackles against Juventus and Steaua clearly have out yet grasped the

fundamental issues at work here. The big danger for Rangers is that those supporters and the players themselves become blind-ed by their determination to overtake Celtic's run of nine consecutive League wins, for-saking European amhitions. The Scottish League title can be won

man. craves success. A draw ball. Hard work and character Scotland's champions have again made as those two took their skills that is indeed the case, Smith no progress in the European Cup. David McKinney considers their failure

> the European Cup cannol. Murray spent close to £10m on players over the summer, including the £4.3m which brought Paul Gascoigne from Lazio, yet the evidence of their European run would suggest they are no hetter placed to compete there than they were seven years ago.

Against Steaua they were ex-

by gathering indifferent victories, posed several times by muhile and skilful opponents who had the awareness to drift in and out of different positions as re-quired, while Rangers stuck to

a more rigid formation. The suggestion of Dumitru Dumitriu, the Romanian cosch, that Gascoigne and Brian Laudrup were European-style players was an accurate assessment, where they were needed, but were constantly left frustrated as their Scottish colleagues failed to appreciate their work.

Time and again Laudrup worked himself into a good position and found no help. For Rangers to progress, Walter Smith, the manager, requires players who are more sympathetic

to the workings of the creaturs.
Gascoigne has also shown he can create for Rangers, although Dumitriu felt that he cannot sustain his form over 90 minutes. If

must decide where best to play the Englishman. In an attacking role, he showed against Steaua, Celtic and Hearts that he can score goals, the problem is filling the hole he leaves in the midfield, a gap exploited by Aberdeen in the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final and

again in the league.

Smith could buy again and indeed there are suggestions that he is interested in Miket Beck of Furtuna Cologue. The Danish striker would perhaps fill the gap which has been left in the

**GLENN MOORE** 

Bobby Charlton, showing the same sense of timing that dis-

tinguished his football career,

vesterday launched a new ini-

tiative designed to improve youngsters basic ball skills.

As British interest in the Eu-

ropean competitions was re-

duced to just Nortingham

Forest, Charlton announced

Footwall, a concept which, like

all the hest ideas, is so simple

the only wonder is why no one had thought of it before.

A Footwall is a concrete

wall, 10 metres by three metres,

which is embedded in the ground with angled corners, like a triptych. The body of the

wall is overlaid with a life-size

photograph of goalmouth ac-

tion from the Premiership.

The idea is that children can

use the wall, which will have

target boxes painted on it, to

practice shooting, passing and

heading, either on their own,

The wall will be paid for by

advertising on the back and

offered free to local authorities,

or with friends.

parture of Mark Hateley to QPR. The problem is likely tu require major surgery, and while purchasing players is no guar-antee of success, Smith's best bet might be a long-term approach to hring quality young Scottish players through the ranks.

Sadly, Rangers' European fail-ure is an indictment of the whole of club football in Scotland at a time when, conversely, the naqualified for the latter stages of the European Championships.

**Charlton kicks** 

off skills wall

# McRae can become the greatest

In the cuphoria of triumph, especially a triumph of this magnitude, it is easy to make exaggerated claims and rash predictions. Colin McRae is, after all, not only Britain's first rally world

champion but also the youngest. However, David Richards is not usually given to wild fancies or jingoistic tendencies. This, be reminded, is the dispassionate businessman who told McRae to concede the Catalunya rally to his team-mate, Carlos Sainz, for "sound commercial reasons",

So Richards' assertion following McRae's awesome victory in the Network Q RAC Rally this week, that his charge has the talent to become the greatest rally driver of them all, may have rather more substance than the regulation post-event eulogy.

Richards, boss of the Banbury-based Prodrive team that runs Subaru's rallying operation, said: "For anyone to be champion now, he has to be special. Colin is so focused that he really could surpass any of the previous champions.

"Some drivers have to work at their driving, but some are natnrals. Colin is a natural and he knows he is way quicker than any-one out there at the moment."

Richards stresses that McRae has had the ambition and diligence to harness his skill, but is patently challenging the 27-year-old Scot to go on and fulfil his prophecy.

"You have to set new goals and keep striving to improve," Richards said. "He's worked hard on his fitness and commitment. Now he's won the world championship it would be sumed. McRae said: "We are all too easy to settle for that, to starting again almost straight have an easy life now."

The businessman in Richards Kenya. also recognises the rewards

Britain's first world rally champion has awesome potential, says **Derick Allsop** 

Rally, Richards points out, "is irrelevant". The championship is worth a bonus to the team of £2m and to McRae more than £1m. He could, suggests Richards, treble that figure annually from now on.

"If Colin wants to hibernate in Monaco, or with his mother in Lanarkshire, he can, but if he wants to develop the sponsorship market, anything is possi-hle," Richards said. "Carlos has been the best at it in rallying. He's been getting \$5m (£3.2m) a year from it."

McRae, described Richards as "genuinely shy", has been made aware that PR, like fitness and commitment, is part of the deal. He maintains, however, that sporting achievement remains the driving force. "Now is the time to take ad-

vantage of the financial possihilities, but the money is not the motivation," McRae said. "This is just the beginning. I want to he quick and consistent in all events. I'm still very new. 1 want to be there for a long time." His co-driver, Derek Ringer,

who has had to endure the scares and mishaps of McRae's formative years, testifies to the assiduity of his partner. Ringer said: "No one's an overnight sensation in this sport. Colin's been getting there for many years."

away, testing for next year, in

Richards can be assured, hinow beckoning for McRae. A hernation does not figure in first prize of £3,000 in the RAC McRae's immediate plans.



Bare slopes: despite snow covering on just one of the trails at Park City, officials still hope to stage this

## Kite 'to captain US in 1997'

Tom Kite, a former US Open

Kite, 45, has played in seven

champion, will be captain of the 1997 US Ryder Cup team. The USPGA will announce the new Ryder Cup captain on 29 No-vemher, but unidentified sources close to the USPGA are quoted in an American magazine, Golfweek, as saying Kite has already heen chosen.

cently the winning effort cap-tained by Tom Watson at The Belfry in 1993. He was chosen from a list of candidates that included Larry Nelson, Ben Cren-

shaw and Curtis Strange. The 32nd Ryder Cup will be held from 26 to 28 September 1997 at Valderrama Golf Club in Sotogrande, Spain.

Greg Norman criticised the speed of the greens at Kingston Heath after struggling to stay in touch with the leaders in the and Lucien Tinkler - share the Ryder Cup teams, most re- first round of the Australian lead on 68, four under par.

Open yesterday. The world No 1, chasing his first victory in his homeland since 1990, fired a level-par 72 to finish four shots

off the pace. There were putts out there that I haven't seen anywhere in the world," Norman said afterwards, referring to the lightning speed of the greens.

Five Australians - Peter McWhinney, Lyndsay Stephen.

## **Hearn kids the Americans**

Barry Hearn pulled off a major piece of kidology which en-ahled Paul "Silky" Jones to Sheffield on Wednesday night. Hearn, Jones's manager, told handlers of the beaten champion, Verno Phillips, that Jones was nothing special and Jones kept his part of the bargain by taking the World Boxing Organisation light-middleweight title.

"I told them Silky Jones was no good," Hearn said, "I told American promoter Bob Arum that it would be an easy pay day.

"Jones had lost eight fights and will be a good fight for pull off a dream result in Phillips while he had nothing else to do before his mandatory defence. We wouldn't have got Phillips here if we had told them the truth. We knew Jones would box his ears off."

over Phillips's commitments to

Bronco McKart in a mandatory defence. It looks as if the Sheffield fighter will have no time to cash in with an easier first bout as champion.

Jones pulled himself up from a first-round knock-down and had a point deducted for a head hutt in the ninth, hut still took the verdict by scores of 116-111, 114-113 and 113-113, After his victory on a split de-cision, Jones, 29, must take of the bout as the champion after dominating the second half for youngsters company behind it, Footwall, hopes to install 1,000 sites in the next year, with the cost covered by £5.2m in advertising revenue. The backdrop will be changed every fortnight to sustain in-

terest. "I learned by playing in the street but, nowadays, the streets are full of cars," Charlton said. "Parents do not want their kids playing in them and they stay inside and play with computers and watch TV instead.

"Kids do not practice the hasics anymore. They go straight into matches and hardly touch the hall. I want our youngsters to master their skills and make British football the envy of the world again."
The idea is backed by the

Football Association Premier League and has been tested by Aston Villa. There are some reservations, however. For instance, why was the Profes-sional Foothall Association's excellent "Football in the Community" scheme not involved? Will sites have control over the choice of advertisements? Obviously, schools will not want cigarette or alcohol advertising schools and sports clubs. The on their premises.

## **Harriers put Woking** record on the line

Non-League notebook

LIZ SEARL

Two leams who last met at Wembley in May meet again tomorrow in the more mundane surroundings of league football. Woking entertain the side they beat in last season's FA Trophy final, Kidderminster Har-

Now second in the Vauxhall Conference to Kidderminster's third, Woking are defending a remarkable home record of 20 matches undefeated, which dates back to Boxing Day last

Much of the credit for Woking's run is given to their solid defence, but Kidderminster, who last week ended a sevenweek spell without a win, may be more concerned tomorrow with two of the home side's forwards. Clive Walker, the Conference Player of the Year, is in top form with eight goals from seven matches, while Scott Steele has netted six goals in six appearances.

Both teams were involved in FA Cup first-round replays in midweek. Woking will take inspiration from their 2-1 home

defeat of Barnet, which takes them through to the second round of the Cup for the seventh year running. In the cele-brations that ensued Woking fans hecame the first people to taste Britain's newest beer. Cardinal Ale. The brew, so name, is being manufactured by a member of Woking's board of

directors. On a more sober note, Kidderminster went out of the Cup in their replay when they were beaten 3-2 on penalties by Sutton United after a 1-1 draw. Nevertheless, Kidderminster have records of their own to pursue tomorrow. The Harriers striker Paul Davies, one of the top three goalscorers in the league this season, will be aiming to match the Conference's all-time goalscoring record. He notched up his 171st goal last weekend and will be keen to overtake the existing record of 172, held by the former Runcorn and Barnet striker, Mark

Because of extensive redevelopment in progress at Woking's Kingfield stadium, the game tomorrow will be all tick-

## Sohail taken to hospital

after bouncer

Aamir Sohail, the Pakistan batsman, was taken to hospital yesterday after being struck in the face by a bouncer from his team-mate Wagar Younis during a practice session in Melbourne. Sohail will miss the tourists'

four-day match against Victo-

ria, starting today, after having stitches inserted in the wound. The Pakistan captain, Wasim Akram, said the opener, who was not wearing a helmet dur-ing the net practice at the MCG, should be fit to play in the third and final Test against Aus-

tralia in Sydney next Thursday. After avoiding one bouncer, Sohail failed to connect with an attempted hook when Waqar sent down another shortpitched delivery the next ball. Four West Indies players whose behaviour was considered "unsatisfactory" during the tour of England last summer have appeared before a disci-plinary hearing in Bridgetown.

The West Indies Cricket Board of Control is yet to name the players, but the Caribbean News Agency, CANA, claimed Brian Lara, Carl Hooper, Curtmel the disciplinary committee. and not confined to those who pay

## Leeds put Eyres up for sale

Rugby League

Leeds, who have denied making a cash-plus-players offer to the Bradford Bulls for Paul Newlove, have put their in-ternational forward, Richie Eyres, on the transfer list, writes Dave Hadfield.

Eyres, who played for Wales in the World Cup, has been made available at £95,000, because of what the club described as "personal reasons".
But Leeds have emphatical-

v denied offering three players in their side to play Bradford on Holroyd - to the Bulls in part-exchange for Newlove.

The Leeds hooker, Mick Shaw, has agreed a new threeyear contract. The 20-year-old has played in nine of Leeds' 13 first-team matches this season. The Wigan loose forward, Andy Farrell, is to put off a hernia operation to play in the Re-gal Trophy tie at Huddersfield on Sunday. He will only have the

operation if he suffers a reaction. St Helens will be without Vila Matautia and Andy Northey a Hull. The players, sent off for high tackles at Bradford last week,

Sunday - Harvey Howard, were suspended for three match-Francis Cummins and Graham es and one match respectively.

### **BBC** pots major championships

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association yesterday announced a five-year deal with the BBC, believed to be worth around £17.5m, for the rights to cover four major events - the Embassy World Championship, the Royal Liv-cr Assurance UK Championship, the Benson and Hedges

Masters and the Grand Prix. The WPBSA were keen that the game should he available to ly Ambrose and Kenny Benjamin | the majority of television viewers

for a satellite channel, ITV made no bid and a Sky spokesman said that although they were involved in talks, no firm offer was made. Jonathan Martin, head of BBC Sport, said: "We are de-lighted to maintain our long and successful relationship with a sport which continues to hold such a wide appeal, particular-ly the world championship, which is firmly established in the portfolio of top sporting events." The BBC's coverage of the Royal Liver Assurance UK

Championship at Preston begins

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Damon Hill's position in a poll of experts to find the world's leading racing driver. The top 10, according to the survey by BBC Grand Prix 95 Magazine, are: 1 Schumacher, 2 Alesi, 3 Coulthard, 4 Hill, 5 Frentzen, 6 Berger, 7 Irvine. 8 Hakkinen, 9 Herbert, 10

Brundle.



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Bucking the trend Page 30



#### RANGERS

Stifled by domestic ambition Page 31

# Rovers' fall may cost England dear

**GLENN MOORE** 

Football Correspondent

Blackburn Rovers' misadventure in Europe this season was deenough before pressing enough before Wednesday night's extraordinary brawl between two of their players, but it now threatens the numher of places allocated to English

clubs in European competition. closed ranks yesterday following the incident which saw fists fly between two England internationals, Graeme Le Saux and David Batty, just four minutes into the way of contrast, reacted with re-

Champions' League game with Spartak Moscow. The fighting came after the two had clattered into one another near the touchline and then traded insults.

The only statement forthcoming from the club, which returned from Moscow yesterday. was a short statement from the chairman, Robert Coar, "The club is disappointed with the in-cident. Ray Harford will sit The cluh itself predictably down with the players tomorrow. If disciplinary action is deemed necessary it will be carried out internally," he said. The Football Association, by

markable speed and has al-ready written to European foot-hall's governing body. Uefa, Whatever penalty Rovers im-pose – fining them two weeks expressing concern and asking it to take action. The consequence may be the loss of a Uefa

Cup representative next year. England was one of three countries given an extra place this season because of its fair play record. Uefa, which do not accept video evidence, are awaiting the reports from the referee and match observer. Should they take no action, the FA may charge Le Saux and Batty with bringing the game into disrepute. At present it insists the match

oughly beaten and reduced to 10 meo merely heaped humil-iation upon the shame. They were lucky to finish with 10. pose - fining them two weeks wages would appear the minimum - it is not an internal mai- Players have been seot off for ter. It could be argued that Rovers have been bringing the punching team-mates. Oleg Romantsev, the manager reputation of English football

into disrepute ever since they embarked upon their Champions League campaign. How-ever, nothing, not even the woeful displays in East Lancashire, Norway and Poland, had prepared us for Wednesday night's madness in Moscow. That the English champions

of Spartak Moscow, summed up most people's reaction when he said: "It was most unexpected. This is the first time I have seen people settling scores on the field with a fist fight." Harford, the Rovers manager, was less forth-coming but he admitted: "I have never seen anything like it from players of mine. They will be dealt with within the club."

Whether Rovers can keep the matter internal must be open to question. "The club and Harford must punish the players now, in public, and the punishment must hurt," the local pa-per, the Lancashire Evening Telegraph, demanded vesterday

with understandable vigour. The incident underlined the depth of Blackburn's crisis, regardless of their improved do-mestic form. That Batty was involved would surprise no one. he has always been a midfield scrapper. However, the player who started the fight was Le Saux, who is widely regarded as one of

the more thoughtful footballers. He has, however, previously revealed a temperamental streak under pressure, even inappro-priately lashing out at an Everton player during the Charity Shield. Indeed, he has been booked more times than Batty during a career of similar length.

The incident adds to the pressure on Harford. There is a feeling that Rovers' triumvirate of himself, Derek Pazackerley and Tony Parkes, for all their coaching qualities, lack the light touch which all teams need. It is all "bad cop" with no "good cop" figure to put an arm around

drooping shoulders. There are also accusations that Harford has favourites, a fatal weakness in

managing a dressing-room.

Quite what Blackburn's benefactor, Jack Walker, makes of it all can only be guessed at Sadness was probably his over-whelming reaction. Throughout Europe Blackburn Rovers are no longer known for Alan Shearer's goals; they are the team who fight each other. For the first time since he reached for his cheque book Walker may have wondered whether it has

ali been worth it. The wall game, page 31

# **Bradford win** wages battle

fight to stop paying goalkeep-er Paul Tomlinson's wages. The Second Division side had been paying Tomlinson £650 a week ening to leave the club.

An inquiry into a con he refused a contract, but the Football League's appeals com-mittee decided yesterday that he will not be paid after the end of the month. Bradford, bowever, can still demand a trans-fer fee for Tomlinson if he finds a new club.

Chris Kamara, Bradford's assistant manager, said: "It's a victory for foothall that someone should not be allowed to stay at bome and get paid. Freedom of contract is oot designed for people who want to sit on their backsides. It's supposed to help those who want to play."

Mel Macbin, the Bournemouth maoager, bas beeo censured by the Football Association after being found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute. He was charged, along with assistant manager John Williams, following remarks made to referee Barry Knight during the match

against Crewe on 16 September. The Queen's Park Rangers midfielder Simon Osborn is to have talks about his future with Ray Wilkins only five months af-

Bradford City bave won their ter his £850,000 move from Reading. Osborn is unhappy about not heing able to secure first-team football and is threat-

An inquiry into a complaint by the England coach, Terry Venables, that a group of peo-ple were orchestrating a smear campaign against him has heen lerminated by detectives, who

have not brought any charges.
Tommy Taylor, the Cambridge manager, has banned his players from night-clubs after midfielder Russell Stock was put out of the game for at least two weeks with a fractured eye socket following an incident during a night out.

The FA and the Football and Premier Leagues are to call a summit to settle their differences following their recent spat over television rights. The FA chief executive, Graham Kelly, has written to his League counterparts, asking for a meeting to discuss the way forward. "The needs of the game and the unity of the game demand this." Kelly said. Spain's Union Deportivo Salamanca are preparing to make a £2.6m hid for Brazil's World Cup striker Romario. He is understood to be unhappy at

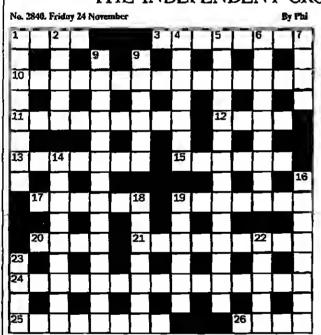


Graham Thorpe on his way to an unbeaten 131, against Orange Free State in Bloemfontein yesterday

#### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

Flamengo, who have struggled in

the Brazilian league this year.



**ACROSS** Visionary puzzle creator

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Cricket

MARTIN JOHNSON reports from Bioemioritein England 316-4 dec Orange Free State 36-0 All those years of sporting iso-lation have clearly left South

here subtly led yesterday's spectators through some of the more complex intricacies of the game. "Great Shot!", it flashed, when someone played a great shot, and That's Four Runs!" it blazed. when someone scored four runs. Happily for England, these crucial pieces of information were relayed with some regularity yesterday, after a depressing previous week when the only

come from bolts of lightning. However, while centuries from Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe were therapeutic enough, neither of them will find many pitches more ac-

electrifying aspect of this tour had

The home team have recent-

ly changed their name from Orange Free State to Goodyear Free State, which will doubtless lead to Roses matches between Kelloggs Yorkshire and Tesco Lancashire when our own marketing men cotton on to the possibilities. Yesterday, though, without Allan Donald and Franklyn Stephenson, the Goodyear team were operating on a set of bald tyres.

On the other hand, England did well to give the pre-Test trial their full attention in an almost total lack of atmosphere. Here in the heart of Afrikaaner country - where anyone trying to change the name of the ground from Springbok Park to Protea Pastures will get very short shrift - rugby is the major game, and 31 years without a visit from the England cricket team has oot brought Bloemfontein to the

brink of fever pitch. The unluckiest batsman yesterday was the captain, Michael

commodating than this one. Atherton, who was caught in the same number of centuries in than what had gone on earlier. nor an attack for whom the description undernanding would sail dangerously close to flattery. Stewart, though, scored his sail dangerously close to flattery. Thereafter, the only risk runs a good bit more quickly since when he has involved in facing Pretorius

Stewart and Thorpe hit their stride

was in getting over-excited. Mark Ramprakash was England's other failure, chopping a wide delivery on to his stumps after scratching out 15 runs in 20 overs, and his place in next week's second Test match remains very much under threat. It might have been even more so had Athertoo not declared when John Crawley was going

well towards the end of the day. The opportunities to get ont to a wide delivery yesterday were certainly plentiful, but Stewart and Thorpe are so strong square of the wicket that the fielders at cover point and square leg were lucky to get off the field without sustaining nasty injuries. Stewart hit 21 fours off 182

balls in his 35th first-class century, although his average of a three-figure score every 15 mnings or so is not a great return for a player of his ability. Atherton, by contrast, has scored the

than Thorpe, who kept pinching the strike off his Surrey team-mate. Stewart, having volunteered unsuccessfully to retire and give someone else a bat after reaching three figures, finally gave it away slogging at the left-arm spinner Nicky Boje, Ibw on the back leg.

Boje contributed most of the 43 overs of spin orchestrated by the Free State and South African captain, Hansie Cronje, which made sure (purely coincidentally, no doubt) that England's pre-Test batting practice was something other than a replica of what is expected in Johannesburg.

Robin Smith fell, as he did in the match at Kimberley, to an uncontrolled leg glance to the wicketkeeper, but Thorpe was still there on 131 (262 balls, 20 fours) when Atherton decided to give the Free State balf an hour's batting before the close. This, as it happens, did rather less for the side's confidence

clearly not lost the ability to bring a serious glower to the face of Raymood Illingworth.

As Malcolm - bowling everywhere other than at the stumps - gave away 19 runs off four scattergun overs, the manager got up from his seat, glanced into the adjacent press box, and proferred one of his "care to swap jobs?" expressions.

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#### Setback for Moore as Mitchell earns England call-up Paul Hull, the full-hack Eng-(Saracens). Called into the of- South African tourists Transvaai

**Rugby Union** 

Albans Road, Watford

Brian Moore suffered a setback in his campaign to regain his Eng-land place yesterday when his Harlequins club-mate Simon Mitchell, who rotates the hooking duties with Moore, was drafted into an expanded squad.

Moore was dropped from the squad for last Saturday's Test against South Africa after win-

ning 64 caps.
Mitchell is one of nine players added to the Twickenham squad for training at Marlow next Tuesday in the huild-up to the Test against Western Samoa on 16 December.

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land rejected at the start of the year, is recalled. Also back in the squad arc Tim Stimpson, the West Hartlepool full-back. Wasps' backs Nick Greenstock and Andy Gomarsall, Leicester prop Darren Garforth and back row forwards Rory Jenkins (Harlequins) and Tony Diprose

ficial squad for the first time, along with Mitchell, is the Orrell wing Jim Naylor.

Simoo Shaw, the Bristol lock, would have been included but for his horrific leg injury on Wednes-day. It is likely that Sale's John Fowler will come in instead to reinforce the lock strength.

Shaw will miss the rest of the season after suffering career-threatening leg and ankle injuries during Bristol's 26-12 defeat by

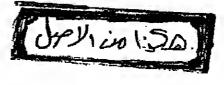
on Wednesday. He sustained a double dislocation of his left ankle and a fractured shin. He also damaged the ligaments and tendons in his ankle.

The break and the dislocation should not prove a problem long term, but Bristol's coaching coordinator, Brian Hanlon, said surgeons are worried about the ligament damage. "If anything poses a long-term threat to his career, it is that," he said.

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